

BURGLAR BELT

Insurers hammer the leafy suburbs

Premium risks, page 4



LOST CHORDS

The successes of musical plagiarism

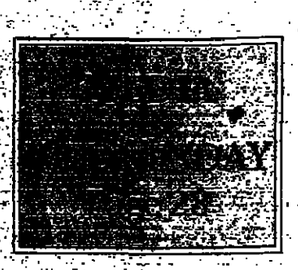
Used notes fortunes, page 29



TESTING TIME

Patten faces Tory unease on schools

Collision course, pages 2,7



THE TIMES

No. 64,612 WEDNESDAY APRIL 7 1993 45p

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SERIALS DIVISION

UN rescue trucks turned away empty by Muslims

■ As Muslims turned back refugee trucks for their own people, divisions grew between America and Europe on how to settle the war in Bosnia

FROM TIM JUDAH AND DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

MUSLIM leaders in the besieged Bosnian town of Srebrenica yesterday turned away United Nations lorries which had arrived to begin rescuing 15,000 wounded and starving victims of a year's fighting.

Their refusal came as UN peace talks in Sarajevo collapsed and a split widened between the United States and Europe on providing arms to the Bosnian Muslims.

The authorities in Srebrenica fear that evacuating Muslims will help to further the attacking Serbs' policy of *so-called ethnic cleansing* and that once the most vulnerable have left the town a brutal final offensive will begin. They demanded that the UN supply a battalion of peacekeepers and fly wounded soldiers out of the area.

The UN denies helping Serbian policy, saying that Srebrenica is about to fall and that it is only trying to save lives. *The convoy was turned* back despite clearance on Monday from the Bosnian president Alija Izetbegovic for the UN to begin evacuating some 15,000 desperate civilians. When another UN convoy was refused permission to evacuate victims on Sunday, witnesses spoke of "terrible scenes" when people realised they were not going to get out.

The UN-sponsored talks between Croat, Serb and Muslim military chiefs in Sarajevo collapsed a year to the day after the siege of the Bosnian capital began. They were due to discuss the turning of the present crumbling ceasefire into a proper truce and into agreements on military disengagement. Sefer Halilovic, the head of the mainly Muslim Bosnian army, said that he would not attend because of "the unbelievable continuation of the aggression on Srebrenica".

The town's agony continued amid divisions between Washington and its European allies. America said this week it may propose lifting the arms embargo on Bosnia if the Serbs refuse to sign the peace plan drawn up by Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen. The suggestion was rejected immediately yesterday by European Community foreign ministers meeting in Luxembourg.

Britain and France, which have most of the troops in Bosnia delivering aid, are worried that lifting the embargo would place their soldiers in danger and lead to more killing. *The United States has* no forces in Bosnia.

Niels Helveg Petersen, foreign minister of Denmark, which holds the EC presidency, said yesterday the Community might take independent action on sanctions if the UN could not agree on enhanced measures, a suggestion which diplomats said showed the increasing sense of *desperation over Bosnia*. "Talking about unilateral action without the legal and moral authority of the UN is putting us on dangerous ground," one European diplomat said in Brussels.

There are also problems at the United Nations. The security council has postponed voting on a resolution tightening sanctions against Serbia *and its tiny ally Montenegro* — which make up the rump Yugoslav state — until next week. The allies also disagree about how to enforce the peace plan should it be agreed, and are having trouble putting together a force of up to 75,000 troops for the job.

Lord Owen said that if the Bosnian Serbs were allowed to create a greater Serbia through the all-Serbian assembly to be held in a fortnight, "it would be a tragedy of very major proportions". He demanded further international pressure on the Bosnian Serbs to sign his peace plan. The Foreign Office agreed it was "essential" that the Serbs accepted the plan.

David Howell, chairman of the all-party Commons foreign affairs committee, described the "horror" of Srebrenica as a turning point. Although he had previously cautioned against military action, he said he now reluctantly believed that military intervention would be necessary in eastern Bosnia, involving a much more direct assault on Serbian airfields.

Towards arms, page 8
Roger Boyes, page 14



£3,750 fine: Michel Mesnage, centre, John Greenfield, his solicitor, and an interpreter leaving the court

French trawler skipper 'let off lightly'

FROM NICHOLAS WATT IN ST PETER PORT

MICHEL Mesnage, the skipper of a French trawler, was yesterday fined £3,750 after admitting fishing illegally in British waters and disobeying the orders of a sea fisheries officer. Mesnage, whose vessel, *La Calypso*, was intercepted by the Royal Navy last Friday, was told by Guernsey magistrates that he was lucky to escape more serious charges.

Mesnage, 41, from Birx in Normandy, strayed into British waters off Alderney. When officers from the minesweeper HMS Brocklesby, which was patrolling the six-mile fishing limit, boarded *La Calypso*, the skipper ignored their orders to make for St Peter Port and headed instead for Cherbourg with the officers still on board.

Graham de Vic Carey, the island's deputy bailiff, said he was prepared to take a lenient view of a first offence which could have earned a £50,000 fine. As Mesnage left the court he said the fine was fair and reasonable.

Ballaidur hurdle, page 10

Empty crisp packet costs jobless litterbug £1,200 fine

BY A STAFF REPORTER

UNEMPLOYED Vaughan Watkins, 20, was yesterday fined £1,200 under the much-criticised new means-testing system after being found guilty of tossing an empty crisp packet and other litter from his car.

The case will almost certainly add momentum to the campaign by disgruntled magistrates for re-examination of the system, introduced under the Criminal Justice Act last year. Watkins had failed to disclose details of his income.

The penalty was imposed after magistrates heard that an off-duty policeman saw Watkins throw the packet, a soft-drinks can and a paper bag on to the road while his Vauxhall Nova was parked just ten yards from a litterbin in Cwmbran, Gwent.

John Williams, prosecuting, said that PC Alan Jones was subjected to vulgar abuse when he asked Watkins if he intended picking up his litter. Constable Jones then identified himself and produced his warrant card. Watkins was cautioned but, far from being chastened, again became abusive and was arrested.

Cwmbran magistrates decided that the severity of the offences warranted 12 units under the new scheme and fined Watkins £100 on each. He had failed to complete the *means-testing form*.

Watkins said he was "staggered" by the size of the fine, adding: "It's absolutely ridiculous — that's got to be the most expensive packet of crisps ever eaten. The best I can say is that the law must be confused, but at worst it's totally appalling.

"I am unemployed and I have no savings, so I don't know how I could be expected to pay back a fine like this. I know it is wrong to drop litter, but so many people do it I can't understand why I should be so different."

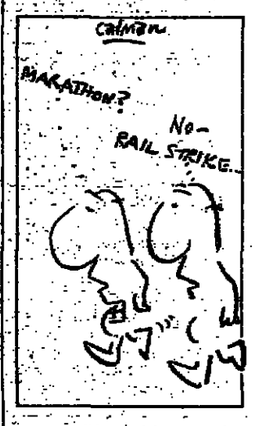
Drivers' strike will add to rail misery

BY PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

TRAIN drivers are expected today to vote for strike action on British Rail in addition to another one-day strike on Friday week declared by the main rail union yesterday.

The double strike blow for British Rail comes as firefighters' leaders confirmed they would be recommending a national strike after meeting local authority employers. Rolls-Royce shop stewards meet today to consider strike action over jobs.

British Rail managers believe members of the



16,000-strong drivers' union Aslef have voted for strikes *over privatisation in ballot* results due to be announced by the union today. BR is bracing itself for a double dispute on the railways which could throw train services into chaos if strikes are called by Aslef and the main RMT rail union for different days.

Two separate disputes will increase pressure on BR for tougher action against strikers and their unions, possibly including moves against BR's maintenance of the check-off system under which union subscriptions are automatic.

Continued on page 2, col 6

Judge to head racing enquiry

A High Court judge, Sir Michael Connell, 53, who is a Jockey Club member, will lead the club's three-man committee of enquiry into the Grand National fiasco..... Page 37

INDEX

Arts	29-31
Births, marriages, deaths	16
Concise Crossword	40
Court and Social	16
Crossword	20
Leading articles	15
Obituaries	17
Weather	20
TV & Radio	39

Buying The Times overseas
Austria Sch 32; Belgium B Frs 65; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 250; Cyprus C£1.00; Denmark Dkr 16.00; Finland Mkk 15.00; France F 12.00; Germany DM 4.00; Gibraltar 80p; Greece Dr 350; Holland Gl 4.00; Irish Republic 90p; Italy L 3,300; Luxembourg Lf 60; Madeira Esc 275; Malta 43c; Morocco Dh 25.00; Norway Kr 16.00; Portugal Esc 275; Spain Pes 250; Sweden Skr 17.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.80; Tunisia Din 2.00; USA $3.00.

House price rise and car sales point to recovery

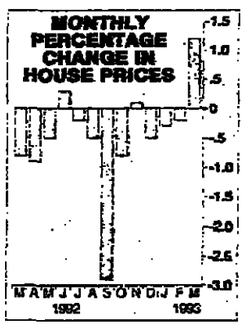
BY IAN MURRAY

THE biggest jump in house prices for four years and a sixth successive month of increased car sales gave clear indications yesterday that the recession was coming to an end.

These signs of growth appeared to give backing to last week's claim by Robin Leigh-Pemberton, governor of the Bank of England, that the British economy had "in all probability" now turned the corner.

Halifax, Britain's largest building society, reported a 1.2 per cent rise in house prices during March. Last week the Nationwide reported a similar rise and claimed that prices had stabilised since November.

Further evidence of improvement in house sales has come from the Building Societies Association, which says that lending in February was up 40 per cent on last year. The improved market means that agents are looking forward eagerly to the Easter weekend, which traditionally



marks the start of the house-buying season.

The 12.7 per cent increase in car sales during March means that manufacturers are now hopeful that three bleak years of recession are over. In the first three months of the year a total of 453,261 new cars were registered, an increase of 11.58 per cent over the first quarter of last year, which was one of the worst on record.

Despite the marked improvement, there is still extreme caution about forecasting the speed of recovery. Gary Marsh, head of research at Halifax, warned that several months of strong activity and stable or rising prices were needed before there could be confidence that a sustained upturn was under way. Nationwide figures show prices rose by 1 per cent in January and then fell by 1.4 per cent in February, indicating that there is still an underlying volatility in the market.

Roger King of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, said the March sales were 27 per cent lower than in 1989 when they reached a record annual figure of 2.3 million. Even newly revised projections for this year expect at the most 1.8 million sales.

Meanwhile Ford last night cut *the price of its new* Mondeo car by an average of £1,000 only two weeks after it was launched in Britain to replace the ageing Sierra. The company also promised to refund an estimated £3 million to customers who bought the car when it was unveiled in showrooms on March 25 but at significantly higher prices.

DAF in danger as court backs supplier

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

THE British operations of Leyland DAF face closure next week after three Appeal Court judges yesterday refused to force a key supplier to continue providing clutches and brakes.

The judges ruling supported last week's High Court decision in favour of suppliers Automotive Products. Last night the receivers from accounting firm Arthur Andersen said they will continue their fight to keep the company going.

They said that production would continue at least until after Easter and 3,311 jobs directly at stake were safe until then. But once production is halted there is no guarantee that it can be restarted.

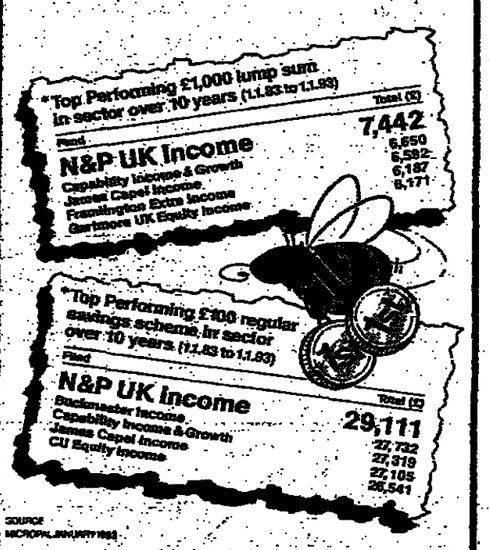
The receivers are considering applying to the House of Lords for leave to appeal. A spokesman said they were "disappointed" by the ruling and were reviewing their options.

Dr John White, chairman of BBA, AP's parent company, said last night he hopes his advisers can sit down with the receivers to find a way to re-establish a basis on which to supply Leyland. He said: "I have always wanted to try and ensure continuity of supply" to secure the future of Leyland, but that the receivers started the action. Murdoch McKillop, one of the joint receivers said: "We are still fighting to find a solution."

AP is owed £758,000 by Leyland DAF and is refusing to deliver until it is paid money owed for parts supplied before the company went into receivership in February. Most of the other suppliers have agreed to continue deliveries even though they are estimated to be owed a total of £82 million.

Leyland has already cut 2,231 jobs since the Anglo-Dutch DAF group broke up. John Allen, chief negotiator for the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, said: "This is disastrous. We can now expect the whole of Leyland to close after Easter, and 3,000 workers will needlessly be laid off. We appeal to AP to continue their supply."

PEP UP YOUR SAVINGS WITH A DOUBLE FIRST...



...BY INVESTING IN AN N&P UNIT TRUST OR PEP.

For further details of how you can invest in N&P's UK Income Fund through a PEP call our free helpline on 0800 80 80 80

N&P — No-one's busier on your behalf

"N&P UK INCOME FUND (FORMERLY KEY INCOME FUND) FROM N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD. FIGURES ARE ON AN OFFER TO BID BASIS, NET INCOME REINVESTED. THE LEVELS AND BASES OF TAXATION CAN CHANGE AND THE VALUE OF TAX RELIEF DEPENDS ON INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES. THE SOCIETY IS AN APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE OF N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD, WHICH IS REGULATED IN THE CONDUCT OF INVESTMENT BUSINESS BY SIB. CONSEQUENTLY WE CAN ONLY ADVISE UPON THE UNIT TRUST AND PEP PRODUCTS OF N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD. THE VALUE OF UNITS AND THE INCOME FROM THEM CAN GO DOWN AS WELL AS UP AND CONSEQUENTLY THE INVESTOR MAY NOT GET BACK THE AMOUNT ORIGINALLY INVESTED. PAST PERFORMANCE IS NOT NECESSARILY A GUIDE TO FUTURE PERFORMANCE.

National & Provincial Building Society, Provincial House, Bradford BD1 1NL.

TTA/93/PEP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sheriff blames pilot for oilmen's deaths

A sheriff's report yesterday blamed a helicopter pilot for the Cormorant Alpha oil platform crash in which 11 people died last March. The fatal accident enquiry by Sheriff Alexander Jessop concluded that Captain Jonathan Shelbourne, 30, one of six who survived the crash, had failed to maintain speed and height and had not displayed the urgency expected of a competent pilot.

The oil company Shell might have contributed to the deaths of those who survived the impact but died in the sea. Sheriff Jessop calls for an overall review of North Sea helicopter safety by the Civil Aviation Authority. In particular, he wants them to consider the use of survival suits on all shuttle flights, emergency lighting, deployment of flotation bags, the mounting of helicopter liferafts and restrictions on flights in adverse weather.

Blows killed Bulger

An inquest was told yesterday that James Bulger, who disappeared on February 12 while on a shopping trip with his mother, died from multiple blows to the head. The two-year-old boy, from Kirkby, Merseyside, was found two days later on a railway line three miles away in Walton. A pathologist's report with details of his injuries was given to Richard Murray, deputy Merseyside coroner. Det Sgt Dave Roberts told the brief hearing that two ten-year-old boys had been arrested and accused of James's murder.

Avoiding accidents

Accidents and violence cause 3.5 million deaths every year and are the greatest causes of death among people aged 15 to 24, the World Health Organisation says. Today is World Health day and the WHO is devoting it to the prevention of accidents and injuries, which cost £330 billion a year in medical treatment and loss of productivity.

Fireman jailed for arson

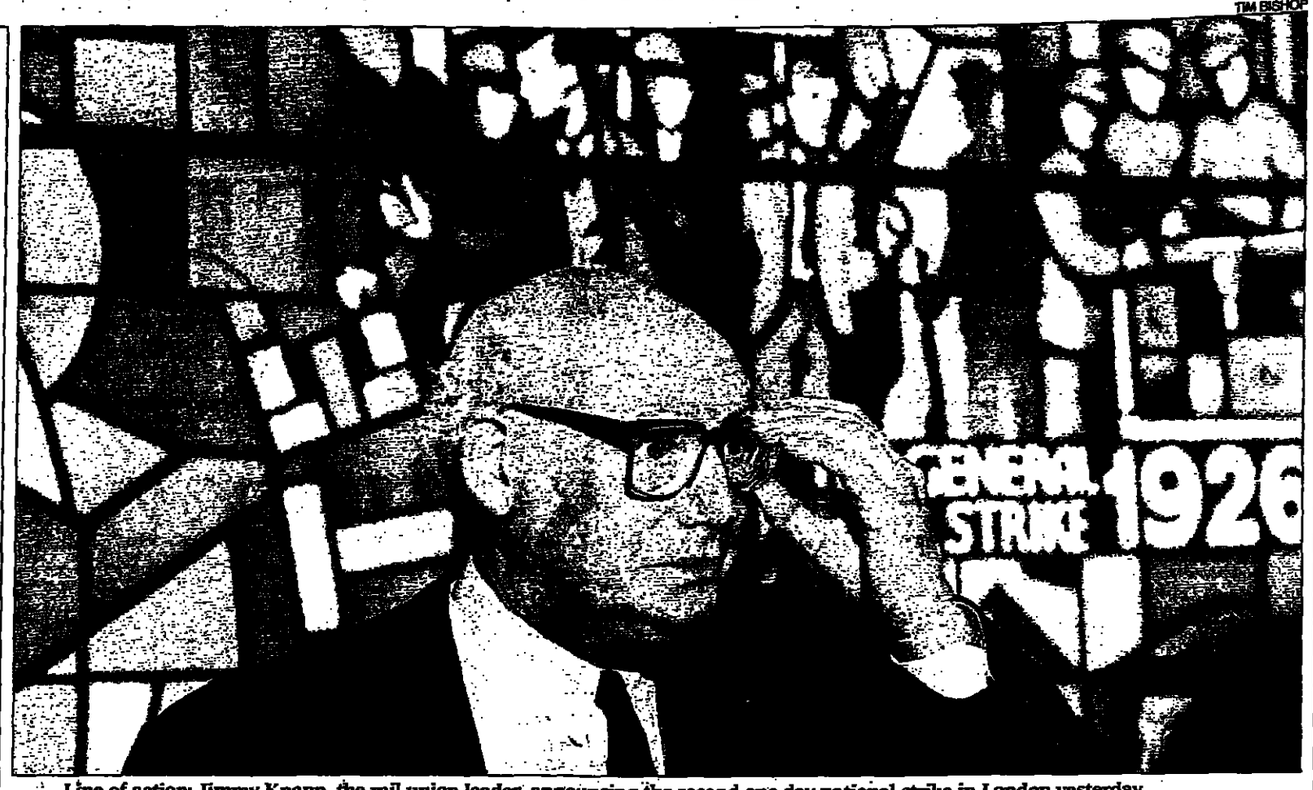
A part-time fireman who started fires to impress his dying father by acting the hero was jailed yesterday for three years. Leeds Crown Court was told that Nathan Hare, 24, of Howden Clough, West Yorkshire, was caught because of the number of times he had raised the alarm and been first on the scene. Hare admitted five charges of arson.

Woman kills father

A woman who stabbed her father to death because he "kept muttering" was placed on probation for three years by Stafford Crown Court after admitting manslaughter. Alan Wilson, 60, died on the pavement outside their home in Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, in December 1991 after a row with his daughter, Dawn, 20.

Doctor with Aids dies

Terence Shuttleworth, the Kent consultant gynaecologist who was last month revealed to have Aids, died on Monday aged 53. Medway district health authority said yesterday. A spokesman said: "The health authority has lost a highly respected colleague." Thousands of Mr Shuttleworth's former patients called helplines after hearing he had Aids.



Line of action: Jimmy Knapp, the rail union leader, announcing the second one-day national strike in London yesterday

Tories grow uneasy over Patten's tests

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND BEN PRESTON

JOHN Patten is on collision course with the teachers' unions by announcing plans to press ahead with basic subject tests for more than one million schoolchildren this summer.

Yesterday the embattled education secretary was warned by the moderate Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL) that schools face an explosion of frustration and despair unless compulsory classroom tests and the national curriculum are drastically revised.

Mr Patten believes he has the "rock-solid" support of the prime minister and the vast majority of Tory backbenchers for his insistence on sticking to the original testing timetable.

But there were clear signs of unease in Conservative ranks yesterday when the chairman of the all-party Commons education committee called for a "pause" in the programme's implementation.

The signs came as Wandsworth council in London announced it was appealing against the High Court judgment on Friday that opened the way for other unions to join the boycott imposed by the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers.

When Mr Patten addresses the ATL conference in Cardiff today he will tell them that he will not be swayed by the threat of a boycott.

However, he will make it clear that he shares the concerns of those who believe that the tests and the associated national curriculum are too cumbersome and bureaucratic. He will spell out steps he intends to take to make the tests and the curriculum "as slim and effective as possible".

Peter Smith, ATL's general secretary, said: "Unless Mr Patten makes this summer's tests voluntary he could face more than 300,000 classroom teachers ranged against him within a week." ATL last took national industrial action in 1979 with a half-day strike over pay.

Sir Malcolm Thornton, Tory MP for Crosby, said on BBC radio that the wave of opposition to the tests from teachers had shown clearly that there was widespread discontent.

He demanded "some give" from the education secretary, adding that "a little pause would be a good thing for everybody."

The decision by Conservative-controlled Wandsworth to appeal against the High Court ruling that the NAS/UWT action is legal could yet halt the slide towards confrontation. The hearing is scheduled to start at the Court of Appeal on April 19.

Teachers' offer, page 14
Leading articles, page 15

Double strike blow

Continued from page 1

ally deducted from employees' pay packets. British Coal last week permanently ended check-off arrangements for members of the National Union of Mineworkers after their one-day strike over jobs.

Last week's one-day rail strike saw many employees simply take the day off, but if further strikes went ahead many companies are likely to insist that staff turn up for work.

BR is expected to meet leaders of the Rail, Maritime and Transport union before the start of the Easter weekend — possibly today — after the decision by the union's executive to hold a further one-day strike over jobs on April 16. Jimmy Knapp, RMT general secretary, attempted to maintain public support by making it clear the union had rejected a further strike which would have disrupted Easter holiday travel.

☐ The threatened strike has forced organisers of the London marathon on April 18 to make emergency plans for the registration of the 25,000 competitors. The registration marquee is in Jubilee Gardens, between the Royal Festival Hall and County Hall and is open between 9am and 8pm from Wednesday, April 14, to Friday April 16, and from 9am to 5pm on Saturday, April 17.

Ulster talk hopes rise

BY SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TALKS on the political future of Northern Ireland, including the creation of a new devolved assembly in the province, could be resumed this summer. The development came as John Major arrived in Northern Ireland last night, where he was expected to call for an early resumption of inter-party talks.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, has told colleagues he has hopes of restarting "within weeks" the talks, abandoned last November, in a different form. He is understood to have been given the full backing of the prime minister for his initiative.

With the memorial service today for the two Warrington boys murdered by the IRA, and the strong waves of public outrage in the UK and the Irish Republic against the terrorists, Sir Patrick is preparing to put his own ideas on the negotiating table.

He has been greatly encouraged by Dick Spring, the Irish foreign affairs minister, into believing that the scope exists for progress over the republic's constitutional claim to the province.

The talks, if resumed, look likely to take place on two, rather than three strands. On one level the province's main political parties would focus on setting up a new Northern Ireland assembly, while the wider talks including Irish ministers would concentrate on the constitutional position and the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Britain ignored over work councils

FROM TOM WALKER IN LUXEMBOURG

BRITAIN'S EC partners ignored the protests of Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, yesterday and pressed ahead with plans to impose works councils on European companies. The move could force the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty on British multi-nationals through the back door.

Mrs Shephard pleaded with her EC colleagues to drop the plans. She said they should follow Britan's example and adopt minimalist social legislation so that Europe can regain its competitive edge.

While Mrs Shephard produced statistics showing Europe's steady slide down the world ladder, her colleagues discussed plans to impose works councils on all sizeable businesses in Europe. Whether or not Britain has an opt-out clause from such legislation is immaterial: British multinationals would be forced to adopt the rules in their continental units, with almost inevitable knock-on effects at home.

Mrs Shephard continued the government's tactic of rubbishing excessive EC social legislation. "There often seems to me to be little or no case to regulate some matters at Community level," she said. Mrs Shephard was also riled by the continuing attempt to establish a 48-hour working week in Europe, and attempts to limit the number of hours worked by teenagers. "We must reduce the external costs we put on business at EC level," she said. "Otherwise we will not be able to compete effectively."

The works council directive would apply to all companies with more than 1,000 workers in the domestic market, or 100 workers in any other EC member state.

Mrs Shephard said the government had "fundamental reservations" about works councils. "We do not disagree with the fact that staff should be consulted, but to have direct links like this is not the way to create effective employee involvement," she said. The councils would give workers their say in all levels of company decision-making.

More than 3,000 companies in Britain would be affected by the rules, and British officials said the councils would cost between £500,000 and £1 million to set up.

But Padraig Flynn, EC social affairs commissioner, said that Britain's EC partners are not prepared to wait for Mrs Shephard. "If we can't get agreement then we will go ahead as 11," he said.

Labour unveils its plan for a boom

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BIG firms faced with bankruptcy would be able to turn to Whitehall for financial help under a future Labour government, Robin Cook said yesterday, as he unveiled an ambitious set of proposals designed to halt the decline in British manufacturing industry.

Condemning the government's "hands-off" attitude to the collapse of Leyland DAF, Labour's trade spokesman said rescue packages of the kind devised by the Dutch government for the lorry-maker's parent company would figure in Labour's proposed industrial strategy.

However, the Opposition believed they would play only a "minor part" and it was not proposing wholesale nationalisation of troubled companies. The state's stakeholding would be sold once they were back on their feet and trading profitably.

John Smith, the Labour leader, warned that unless manufacturing was revived the chronic trade deficit would undermine any economic recovery.

Labour's protestations that its mix of supply-side reforms and aid for industry did not amount a return to the 1970s cut little ice with the government. Anthony Nelson, the Treasury's economic secretary, said that the Opposition was harking back to the "command economy" of the past.

Mr Cook's comments came as he published *Making Britain's Future*, a consultative paper aimed at framing an industrial policy taking Britain into the next century. The central objective is to create a partnership between government and industry and to encourage long-term investment in the country's manufacturing sector.



Cook: an ambitious set of proposals

Key proposals include moves to encourage banks and building societies to channel savings into industry as well as property, and the public sale of "industrial investment bonds" through the Post Office and banks.

In addition, there would be a reform of pension law to make it easier for trustees to take a long-term view and divert more of their huge funds into building up the country's manufacturing base.

Other proposals include tax changes to encourage shareholders to treat their equities as long-term investments and to penalise those going for a quick kill; worker and community directors on the boards of companies and strict curbs on hostile takeovers — predators would have to show that their bid was "in the national interest" and did not compromise "national investment in technology, regional employment or trade strategy".

Bigger tax breaks for commercial investment in new machinery and research and development are also envisaged.

The document, which forms the basis of extensive consultations over the next six months between Labour leaders, industrialists and financiers, rejects the government's refusal to bale out lame duck firms.

Mr Cook insisted that Labour was not seeking to give orders to industry. "This is not a strategy to force managers to do anything which they do not want, but to enable them to achieve the success they do want...It would encourage the City to think about the next decade, not the next deal. It would start a decade of investment to remedy a decade of debt."

☐ Business and industry reacted coolly to Labour's proposals, suggesting the consultation with industry envisaged by Labour is likely to prove difficult (Philip Bassett writes). Most businesses would make no public response, although many industry leaders privately maintained the lengthy consultation timescale, and the party's insistence that its new industrial ideas were open to amendment after discussion, removed any sense of urgency for industry.

Companies such as Hanson, singled out by Labour as "short-termist", were openly critical, arguing that Labour's proposals were both backward-looking and far removed from the wider understanding of industry which the UK needed.

Sir Michael Angus, CBI president, said "such proposals were unacceptable to British business in the past and there are no reasons to believe they are acceptable now."

Leading article, page 15

CORRECTION

Charles V was the nephew of Catherine of Aragon, not her father, as incorrectly stated in an article on Princess Caroline of Monaco yesterday.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD CHAMPIONSHIP 1993

IN ASSOCIATION WITH

KNOCKANDO
PURE SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

THE Times Crossword Championship for 1993 is to be held in association with Knockando Pure Single Malt Scotch Whisky, which will also be sponsoring the Saturday prize crossword (John Grant writes). The name Knockando is derived from Croc-an-dhu, Gaelic for the hill overlooking the Knockando distillery and village.

The qualifier puzzle, which competitors must solve correctly to enter the championship, will appear on Thursday, April 15. The eliminator puzzle, if it proves necessary to reduce the number of entrants for London and Bristol, will appear on Thursday, May 20. Regional finals will be: Glasgow, May 16; Leeds, June 13; Bristol, June 27; London A and B, July 10 and 11; Birmingham, August 1; national final, September 12.

Prizes will include Times Knockando trophies and bottles of Knockando whiskies.

POWERFUL PACKAGES.
POWERFUL OFFERS
FROM WILDING.

This is your chance to get your hands on the powerful new Packard Bell 225F and 410E with pre-loaded software at Wilding's great value prices.

The same goes for the impressive OKI printer and featured software. Add this to our helpful trained staff and unique price promise, it's a powerful reason to make your way to Wilding.

PRICE PROMISE
If you can buy this cheaper at a local retail shop within 7 days of purchase we will refund the difference

PACKARD BELL 225F COMPUTER
NEW
80386SX 25MHz processor, 2Mb RAM, 105 Mb Hard Disk, 14" SVGA Colour Monitor, Mouse, MS-DOS 5.0, Windows 3.1, Microsoft Works for Windows, Microsoft Money, Microsoft Entertainment Pack. 12 months on-site warranty.
£875+VAT
(£1028.12 inc VAT)

PACKARD BELL 410E COMPUTER
NEW
80486SX 25MHz processor, 4Mb RAM, 85Mb Hard Disk, 8Kb Cache, 14" SVGA Colour Monitor, Mouse, MS-DOS 5.0, Windows 3.1, Microsoft Works for Windows, Microsoft Money, Microsoft Entertainment Pack. 12 months on-site warranty.
£999+VAT
(£1173.82 inc VAT)

Both the Packard Bell 225F and 410E are supplied with a 3½" single floppy disk drive. The dual drive, as shown, is optional on both.

OKI OL400e PAGE PRINTER
NEW
4 pages per minute printing, 512K memory with data compression, small footprint. 12 months on-site warranty.
£469+VAT
(£551.07 inc VAT)

MS-DOS 6.0 UPGRADE
New release of operating software, integrated disk compression utility which doubles amount of disk space, easy-to-use memory optimisation system, includes anti-virus software, optimises the Windows environment.
RRP £75 +VAT
OFFER PRICE £49+VAT
(£57.57 inc VAT)

INTUIT QUICKEN
Intuit Quicken organises finances painlessly, 1 million copies sold worldwide, for home and small business, prints cheques, organises information required for VAT returns.
£44.99+VAT
LESS £20 +VAT
WHEN PURCHASED WITH ANY PERSONAL COMPUTER

Wilding offer leasing facilities and consumer credit. Typical APR 26.8% (written quotation available on request). VAT charged at 17.5%.

WILDING
CENTRAL LONDON
BAKER STREET W1. 071-486 0798
CLERKENWELL RD EC1. 071-405 9952
HIGH HOLBORN WC1. 071-430 0333
LONDON WALL EC2. 071-638 3089
LUDGATE CIRCUS EC4. 071-489 8826
OLD BROMPTON RD SW5 071-244 8155
PERCY STREET W1. 071-256 3100
REGENT STREET W1. 071-499 2836
SWISS COTTAGE NW3 071-586 7593
VICTORIA STREET SW1. 071-222 4020

WILDING
BRANCHES NATIONWIDE
BATH 0225 339933
BIRMINGHAM 021-236 0033
BOLTON 0204 386937
BRIGHTON 0273 329079
BRISTOL 0272 293199
BROMLEY 081-290 6466
CAMBRIDGE 0223 65714
CARLISLE 0228 591760
CHELMSFORD 0245 492850
CHELTENHAM 0242 228363
CHESTER 0244 315246
CLIFTON 0272 238398
COLCHESTER 0206 46768
CROYDON 081 686 4957
DARLINGTON 0325 469089
EALING 081-840 7173
FINCHLEY 081-346 7195
GLOUCESTER 0452 523111
GRAVESEND 0474 361635
GUILDFORD 0483 579489
HADLEIGH 0702 551066
HARROW 081-427 0896
HIGH WYCOMBE 0494 435378
HORNCHURCH 07084 48629
ILFORD 081-554 0544
IPSWICH 0473 210488
KINGSTON 081-549 9461
LEEDS 0532 425649
LEICESTER 0533 512216
LUTON 0582 425771
MAIDSTONE 0622 685422
MANCHESTER 061-839 3346
NEWCASTLE 091-233 0866
NORTHAMPTON 0604 26442
NORWICH 0603 666011
OXFORD 0865 250256
PETERBOROUGH 0733 311040
PUTNEY 081-788 3452
READING 0734 503465
ROMFORD 0708 765896
RUISLIP 0895 621228
ST ALBANS 0727 43992
SHEFFIELD 0742 738800
SLOUGH 0753 539356
SOUTHAMPTON 0703 330144
SOUTHEND 0702 331876
SWINDON 0793 533111
TUNBRIDGE WELLS 0892 510115
WALTHAM CROSS 0992 764200
WALTHAMSTOW 081 520 7666
WATFORD 0923 232121
WIMBLEDON 081-540 7822
WOOLWICH 081-855 0631
HEAD OFFICE HAYES
MIDDLESEX 081-569 3000

WILDING
BUSINESS MACHINE CENTRES

نقلا عن الأصل

Britain ignored ver work ouncils

FROM TOM WALKER IN LUXEMBOURG

AIN'S EC partner ... the protests of ... illian hard, the employment ary, yesterday ... ed ahead with plans to se works council ... pean companies. The could force ... ter of the Maastricht trea... British multi-... ugh the back door. rs Shephard pleaded with EC colleagues to drop the s. She said that ... hould w Britain's ... and ot minimalist ... so that ... un its competit...

While Mrs Shep... ed statistics ... e's steady slide ... ld ladder, her ... ussed plans ... ks councils or... inesses in Euro... r not Britain ha... use from such le... material: Britis... nals would be ... opt the rules ir... ntal units, with... hle knock-on ... me.

Mrs Shephard ... e government ... bbishing awe... gislation. ... ems to me to ... se to regulate ... Community ... rs Shephard ... y the comm... stablish a ... eek in Europ... limit the ... worked by ... must reduce ... ve put on ... evel," she said ... vill not be ... ffectively."

The work ... would apply ... with more th... in the domes... workers in ... member state...

Mrs Shep... government's ... tal reservat... councils. "W... with the fu... be negotiated ... links like the ... create effec... government ... animals would ... their sa... company direc...

More than ... parties in Br... pressed ... British offic... the world ... [illegible] ... as ...

But Mrs ... and affairs ... that Britain ... not prepa... Shephard ... agreement ... ahead in ...

r a boom

... Leader ...

S CROSSWORD ONSHIP 1993

CKANDO SINGLE MALT ISH WHISKY

Triple rapist will not stand trial for Jo Ramsden kidnap

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE man charged with kidnapping Jo Ramsden, the 21-year-old Down's syndrome sufferer whose body was found in woodland last year, admitted five kidnaps and three rapes of other mentally handicapped women yesterday.

But Michael Fox, 49, who asked for a further nine offences of rape, kidnap and attempted rape to be considered, will not face trial for abducting Miss Ramsden. She vanished from Bridport, Dorset, almost two years ago and her remains were found in March 1992.

Mr Justice McKinnon ruled at Cardiff Crown Court that there was insufficient evidence to proceed on the Ramsden case. He decided the charge should lie on the file with another allegation of rape which Fox, a former mental hospital worker, had also denied.

After the hearing, Miss Ramsden's father Richard said he was "disappointed" that the charge relating to her had not been pursued. He said: "It leaves it unfinished. I do not suppose there is very much I can do. It is unsatisfactory for us and the police." The family was not in court and was told of events by the police.

Det Chief Supt Des Donohoe of Dorset CID, who led the enquiry into Miss Ramsden's disappearance and death, said it was not expected that police would reopen their investigation. "I will be reviewing the evidence in the case, but it is very unlikely that our investigations will continue since this man has been convicted of offences of rape and abduction," he said.

"I am delighted that the individual will not be on the streets of Dorset for a very long time." He said Fox was a "despicable man" who "preyed on innocent and vulnerable women and it does make you wonder whether there is a place in society for a man like him".

Fox pleaded guilty yesterday to the five kidnaps, three rapes and an attempted rape between June 1988 and December 1991. The former nursing assistant is expected to be sentenced in June.

Miss Ramsden vanished after her father took her to a leisure centre which she attended weekly to help to set up equipment for a toddlers' group. The young woman, who had a mental age of ten, later left the centre to go for lunch.

She was seen in the town talking to a fair haired man, thought to be in his late 20s, who was wearing a brightly patterned jumper which led to him being dubbed Mr Zig Zag. She was last seen in a black car in Bridport, but neither the driver nor Mr Zig Zag ever contacted police.

The Ramsdens campaigned strenuously for public help in finding her and police made thousands of enquiries. Miss Ramsden's body was found by woodmen in dense forest on the Dorset-Devon border about 12 miles from her home. Police were unable to say how she died.

Fox, of Hill View, Dorset, was arrested before Miss Ramsden's body was found. In his village, Fox was regarded as a pleasant man who lived quietly with his wife.

High Court gives Hillsborough families glimmer of hope



PHIL COBURN

A chance to challenge: Theresa Glover, left, Sandra Stringer and Joan Tootle outside the High Court yesterday

Mothers allowed to challenge verdicts

BY A STAFF REPORTER

RELATIVES of six of the 95 victims of the Hillsborough stadium tragedy yesterday won consent to challenge in the High Court accidental death verdicts given by an inquest jury.

The relatives, who want the 1991 verdicts quashed and new inquests held, have accused Dr Stefan Popper, the then South Yorkshire coroner, of conducting the inquest improperly and failing to direct jurors that they were entitled to publicly conclude that the deaths might have been caused or aggravated by "lack of care".

Mothers of the dead football fans, all from Liverpool, wept as Mr Justice Macpherson said that they had "a case that can be sensibly argued". However, the judge, warned them that they might be disappointed because the matter might not be reopened.

The application was by Sandra Stringer and Donna Carlile, mother and sister of the victim Paul Carlile; John and Theresa Glover, parents of Ian Glover; Joan Sinclair, sister of Michael Kelly; Leslie and Doreen Jones, parents of Richard Jones; Peter and Joan Tootle, parents of Peter Tootle; and James Stephen and Anne Williams, parents of Kevin Williams.

Mrs Stringer said: "I'm overwhelmed. We are over the first hurdle after four years — somebody has listened to us." Mrs Williams, whose son was 15, said: "I hope there will be a proper inquest and justice can be done and the truth will come out."

Relatives had shouted in disbelief at the end of the inquest in Sheffield as the jury returned verdicts of accidental death by a majority of nine to two after deliberations of more than 11 hours.

Edward Fitzgerald, for the families, told the High Court that they wanted the verdicts struck out and a new inquest ordered. The application for judicial review was not opposed by the coroner, who retired seven months after the hearing for personal reasons, or by the police or by the West Yorkshire ambulance service.

Mr Fitzgerald said: "Whatever else this death was, it was not accidental, and it would be at least some assuagement of feelings if the verdict were struck down."

In civil actions for damages arising out of the disaster, "negligence has been accepted by the police authority in the course of the proceedings", he said. The coroner had wrongly conducted "mini-inquests" into each death, using summaries of eye-witness statements that could not be properly tested and questioned, he said.

It was particularly unfortunate because the statements raised controversial issues of whether the deaths were "instantaneous". That, in turn, raised important questions as to whether those who may have been alive for some time after sustaining crush injuries that ultimately proved fatal, could have been saved by a better responses from emergency services. "In at least four cases, there is evidence they were alive well after the time the pathologist said they should have died within," Mr Fitzgerald said.

The coroner's decision not to examine events after 3.15pm on the disaster day prevented consideration of the emergency services' response, Mr Fitzgerald argued.

Nurse molested girls aged 4

BY PAUL WILKINSON

PARENTS of up to 60 boys and girls, aged between three and four, who were molested by a trainee nursery nurse are to seek damages from the council that allowed the man to look after their children.

At Newcastle-upon-Tyne Crown Court yesterday, Jason Dabbs, 21, admitted nine specimen charges of indecently assaulting four-year-old girls. He asked for three similar offences to be considered. The court ordered that eight charges alleging indecent assault on boys aged four should remain on file. He was remanded in custody for pre-sentence reports.

The court was told that Dabbs, a bachelor of no fixed address, was investigated after one of the children complained last July. John Evans, for the prosecution, said that enquiries disclosed incidents going back to September 1991; in all, 60 children alleged they had been assaulted.

Dabbs, a first-year college student in Newcastle, was allowed by the city council's education department to undertake work experience at two junior schools.

Many of his victims' parents were in court as Mr Evans said the Crown had decided to accept guilty pleas on nine charges to avoid pursuing a lengthy trial. This would not affect the redress sought against the local authority.

Tony Flynn, chairman of Newcastle's education committee, declined to comment on possible legal action but said: "On behalf of the education committee, I am deeply concerned at the distress caused to these young children and their parents."

Cruelty to animals increases

BY BILL FROST

COURTS should impose tougher penalties on people convicted of gross maltreatment of animals, the RSPCA said yesterday as it revealed that cruelty offences increased by 10 per cent last year.

The society said that there was "a relentless tide of animal abuse". Defendants "frequently walked away" after conviction with little or nothing to prevent them repeating their cruelty. A record 3,003 offences were logged last year while orders preventing those responsible from keeping pets fell by 10 per cent.

Richard Davies, the society's chief officer of inspectorate, said that current sentencing was inadequate and called for ownership bans of between 10 and 20 years for all those convicted of sometimes "astonishing", but not fatal, cruelty. He added: "Last year, most bans imposed lasted five years or less and that just isn't long enough."

Yesterday's figures showed that dogs were once again the most common target of abuse with 1,541 offences logged last year. However, cruelty to cats increased by 45 per cent.

Photograph, page 20



Naming names: Queen Mother with the engine

Brigade's power boost

QUEEN Elizabeth the Queen Mother yesterday helped to mark the centenary of the Girls' Brigade by naming an InterCity locomotive after the organisation.

The engine, number 90002, will haul trains between London, the West Midlands, northwest England and Glasgow, at up to 110mph.

The Queen Mother was presented with a model of the locomotive, and a posy by Kathryn Raw, 7, a member of the 1st Eastleigh company of the brigade, who has cystic fibrosis. The Cystic Fibrosis Trust is one of the Girls' Brigade's centenary charities.

The Queen Mother was invited to name the locomotive by Sir Bob Reid, chairman of British Railways Board, and Baroness McFarlane of Llandaff, president of the Girls' Brigade. After the ceremony, the locomotive was blessed by the Rev Jeff Taylor, the brigade's national chaplain. More than 500 members of the brigade were at the ceremony, at Euston station, London.

GP took his life after death of a patient

A FAMILY doctor killed himself with a lethal dose of insulin because he feared his career was about to be ruined by the death of a patient. Dr David Pearson, 39, had become increasingly worried after the family health services authority received a complaint about his treatment of a patient, an inquest was told yesterday.

As well as his country practice in Oundle, Northamptonshire, Dr Pearson was the doctor at Oundle public school.

He was found dead in the village hall surgery at Great Gidding, Cambridgeshire, after injecting himself with insulin. The father of four had also swallowed a potentially lethal dose of the sleeping pill temazepam. His suicide came after the death of a patient from internal bleeding only hours after Dr Pearson was called out to see him last November, the inquest was told.

Dr Pearson had received a "nasty letter" from a relative of the dead patient, his widow Nichola told the inquest in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. Mrs Pearson said her husband replied, inviting the man's brothers to go to the surgery to discuss the situation, but heard nothing until February, when he received a letter stating that an official complaint had been made.

"This devastated my husband and it got out of all proportion," Mrs Pearson said. "It made him feel guilty and he felt it had ruined his career. For the last two weeks, he had been very depressed and not eating or sleeping properly. But on the morning of his death he left for work as usual."

The coroner recorded a verdict of suicide.

Police search for shy au pair

BY STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE mother of a shy, quiet German au pair broke down in tears yesterday as she appealed for help in finding her daughter, who disappeared last weekend after going out to meet a friend in central London.

Irene Schleiffer had to be comforted as she made her appeal for Simone, 20, who has not been seen since Saturday morning when she left the north London home of the family for which she worked, to meet another German au pair at Charing Cross station. She left most of her belongings at her home and police said her disappearance was out of character.

Det Insp Dick Gethin said he was "concerned" for Simone's safety. She had put an advertisement in a local library offering German lessons, but appeared to have had no response. She had also replied to an advertisement in a local newspaper from a man who intended to set up a business in Germany. She met the man but had no further contact with him in the past three weeks, Mr Gethin said, adding that police would be interviewing the man for background information.

Frau Schleiffer and her other daughter Birgit travelled from their home in Bad Lippspringe, Westphalia, to speak at a police news conference in Stoke Newington, north London, where Frau Schleiffer described her missing daughter as "a shy, gentle girl".

EASTER

IN THE TIMES

Six men of power



● Many men wield power but few mould the future of their countries. Roy Jenkins was uniquely placed to assess the great leaders and thinkers of the post-war generation. This Saturday, in a special supplement to The Times, he looks afresh at the men who shaped peacetime: Konrad Adenauer, Dean Acheson, Aneurin Bevan, "Rab" Butler, Charles de Gaulle and Iain Macleod.

Carlton revives Frost format

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

SIR David Frost, who today celebrates his 54th birthday, is to revive *The Frost Programme* with a series of hour-long live shows on Carlton television designed to challenge the BBC's popular *Question Time*.

The show, which will place Sir David in front of a studio audience for the first time in 20 years, will go out at 10.40pm on Thursdays, in an attempt to poach some of the 4.5 million viewers who regularly tune in to *Question Time*, presented by Peter Sissons. *The Frost Programme* was first seen on ITV from 1966-7 and revived by the BBC in 1977.

Sir David's guests on his first show, to be screened this week, will include the actress Emma Thompson in her first live television interview since winning an Oscar last month, and Paul Condon, commissioner of the Metropolitan police. The show is part of Carlton's first spring and summer schedule since taking over the London ITV weekday franchise in the new year. The company is keen to play down fears that it would take ITV in the region down-market.



Sir David: challenging BBC's Question Time

Its £10 million line-up features 11 new shows, including *Sports In Question*, a debate on big sporting issues hosted by the former footballers and sports commentators Jimmy Greaves and Ian St John, which pits leading sports stars against policy-makers.

A documentary series, *New Directions*, will give six directors new to television a chance to say something about contemporary London life. Films include *Giving The Empire A Lift*, about the fashionable Kensington corsetière Rigby and Peller, bra-makers to the Queen.

Capital Woman, with Anneka Rice, and *Big City*, with Gordon Kennedy and Carolyn Marshall, are both aimed at helping viewers to get the most out of summer in the capital.

In *One In Five Million*, six women from the region star in profiles recorded at their homes. *Dilly Down Town* will highlight the capital's Italian, black, Asian, Cypriot, Jewish and Chinese communities. *The Chrystal Rose Show*, Britain's answer to Oprah Winfrey, will also return for discussions about emotional issues.



AUCTION

BY KENNEDY-WILSON

(PORTUGAL) MEDIADOR IMOBILIARIO LIMITADA

An exclusive once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to buy a home at the renowned Vilar do Golf Resort

Quinta do Lago, Algarve, Portugal

97 Apartments & Villas to be sold individually

MINIMUM SELLING PRICES FROM £50,000 TO £100,000

UP TO 47% OFF ASKING PRICES

– FEATURES –

- 1 bedroom apartments, 2 & 3 bedroom villas, fully fitted and furnished
- Discounted green fees & golf rights to 36 hole championship golf courses
- 3 swimming pools – tennis club – water sports – riding school
- Formal registration required.
- Attend our 'How-to-Buy Seminars' – various UK and European locations throughout April
- Video available on request for £5.00

Auction to be conducted on site on Sunday 2nd May 1993

The Auction Information Office, and show apartments and villas on site at Vilar do Golf Resort, are open daily from 10am to 6pm

Vilar do Golf Resort

To request Auction Brochure No. 66 call FREE on 0800 88 66 33 Daily 9am to 8pm

AUCTION CONDUCTED BY KENNEDY-WILSON, ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST PROPERTY AUCTION-MARKETING COMPANIES

Suburban householders must pay up to 60% more for cover

Contents insurance hits the roof

By Lindsay Cook
Money Editor

CONTENTS insurance premiums for families living in four and five-bedroom houses are to rise by as much as 60 per cent, partly because burglars have switched their attentions from the inner cities to the suburbs and rural areas.

From next month, Abbey National will increase insurance premiums by an average of 37 per cent to take account of claims experience; overall, premiums were expected to rise by an average of 15 per cent this year, following an average increase in premiums of 15 per cent last year.

However, the average premium increases disguise changes in the demographics of theft. A rise in insurance claims for larger homes outside large towns has been faster than for those in built-up areas.

Insurers charge premiums according to the post code of the property, and many people living in properties previously regarded as low risk are facing huge increases, particularly if they have made a number of similar claims in recent years. Companies reserve the right to charge individual home-owners more than others in their area and may insist that they pay the first £100 or more of each claim for theft.

Insurers paid out £749 million last year for burglary claims — an increase of 27 per cent.

Those hardest hit by the Abbey National's increase are people living in five-bedroom



properties in area ten. Abbey National's lowest rating. This covers the outskirts of towns and cities such as Lancaster, Ipswich, Plymouth, Reading and Inverness, and more rural areas.

The premiums for basic cover have been increased by a lower rate than those that also cover accidental damage or the loss or theft of personal possessions such as watches, portable computers, cameras or golf clubs when they are taken away from the home.

A spokesman for Abbey National said: "Crime in inner cities is now being displaced to rural areas, which tend not to have Neighbourhood Watch or such tight security measures and are therefore more exposed. Crime is falling in the inner cities."

A spokesman for the Association of British Insurers (ABI) said that leading insurers expected premiums to rise by about 10 per cent this year but that some areas would see much larger increases. "Just as burglars have found that electrical retailers in inner cities have metal shutters, but that those 50 miles out do not because the local authorities do not let them, that is happening on the domestic front as well."

Royal Insurance increased its contents premiums by an average of 15 per cent last year. Jeff Kehoe, at Sun Alliance, said premiums rose by an average of 25 per cent last year. The cheapest areas are rural suburbs of Aberdeen, York, Gloucester and Lancaster. These cost £3.50 per £1,000 of property covered. In inner cities, the cost rises to £15 per £1,000.

Legal & General last increased premiums in August last year, by an average of 12 per cent, although some premiums went up by 40 per cent. The company reviewed



premiums in March and decided not to make a further increase. But it said: "We see a probable need to increase rates before the end of the year."

Last year, policies charged according to the number of bedrooms doubled in some cases. That was because the policies were attractive to people with a lot of expensive possessions, who then made greater claims than expected by the insurance companies.

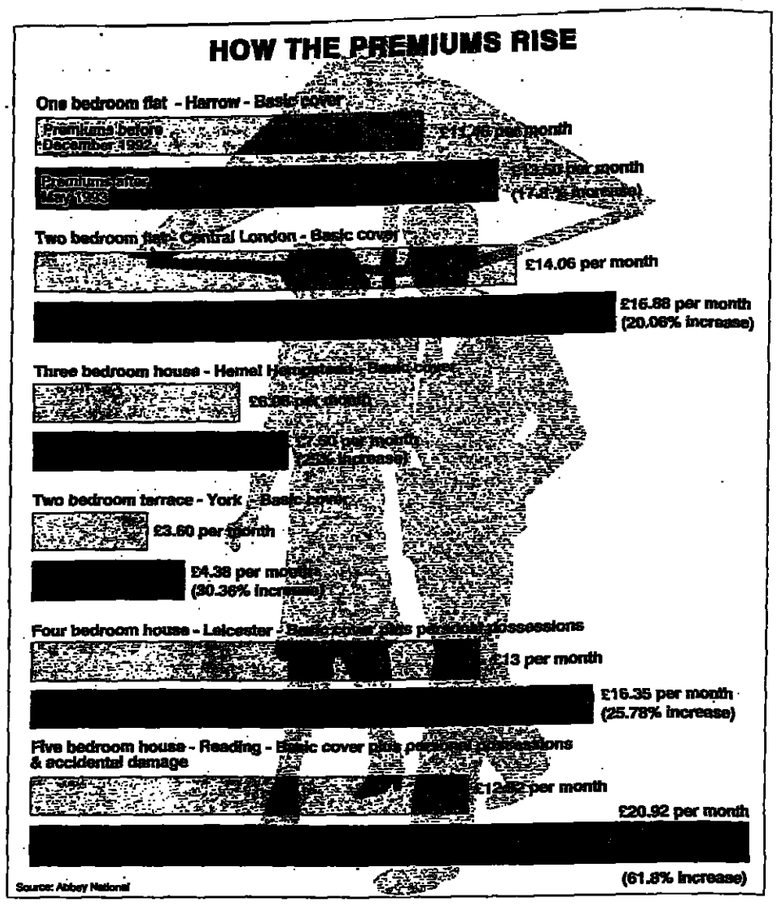
Legal & General increased such premiums by an average of 40 per cent.

For many of Abbey National's customers, it is the first increase in contents insurance premiums since 1990. Those whose policies have been renewed since December last year saw premiums rise by an average of 10 per cent and at their next renewal will pay an average increase of 27 per cent.

About 200,000 of Abbey National's 1.3 million borrowers have contents insurance arranged by their lender.

Woolwich Building Society increased its premiums on March 15 by an average of 50 per cent. It had last increased rates in May 1992. The Halifax Building Society, the largest mortgage lender, last increased contents premiums in October by an average of 14 per cent.

Insurers are concerned that the high price of cover may deter people from taking out contents cover. In high-risk areas, up to 40 per cent of households have no insurance. It is not unusual for contents premiums to cost £1,000 a year in London and other cities.



Soon you can apply for shares in **Northern Ireland Electricity plc**. If you register now for a mini prospectus you could be eligible for bonus shares and preference in allocation.

Flotation on.

To register post the coupon now - or telephone

0232 232 232

Please send to NIE Share Information Office, PO Box 1001, Belfast BT1 1GZ.

To register persons under 18, please do not use this coupon but call 0232 232 232. This coupon is to be used by individuals only.

Title (Mr/Ms/Mrs/Miss)_____
BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE

Full Forenames_____

Surname_____

Address_____

_____

_____ Postcode_____

THE NORTHERN IRELAND ELECTRICITY SHARE OFFER TI

Issued by H M Government and approved by N M Rothschild & Sons Limited, a member of SFA and financial adviser to H M Government. Any application for shares should be on the basis of information in the prospectus alone. Before deciding whether to apply for shares you should consider whether the shares are a suitable investment for you. Their value can go down as well as up. If you need advice you should consult an appropriate professional adviser.

Better security can cut premium costs

By Our Money Editor

HOMEOWNERS facing higher insurance premiums can cut the cost by agreeing to pay the first £100 or even £1,000 of every claim. Membership of Neighbourhood Watch schemes, installing security locks and burglar alarms can also cut the premiums.

Insurance companies are aware that customers are pretty close to their tolerance level for insurance premiums, particularly in inner cities. They are also keen to encourage careful customers to continue to insure. In recent years, some have begun to offer no-claims and loyalty bonuses to policyholders.

Those who are willing to pay a proportion of every claim — above the standard £50 excess — can reduce the premiums substantially.

At General Accident, agreeing to pay the first £250 will earn a 20 per cent discount on the annual contents premiums. The company will also consider larger excesses. At Sun Alliance and Royal Insurance, discounts are also available for larger excesses, but these have to be negotiated individually.

The average theft claim is £800, although claims for fires and burst pipes can top £40,000 or £50,000 for large homes. Norwich Union offers a 10 per cent discount to householders who have not made a claim for three years. This is in addition to the 10 per cent discount introduced last July for those who have held a policy for three consecutive years.

Royal Insurance was the first to offer discounts for security measures. These range from 5 to 25 per cent. The lower level is for membership of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme and for large discounts, approved burglar alarms have to be used.

Sun Alliance offers security discounts of 10 per cent to 15 per cent.

Older homeowners can also get discounts on contents insurance. This is because there is more likely to be someone in the house during the day when most burglaries occur and there are less likely to be children in the house to cause accidental damage.

Homeowners who receive a discount for security measures must use the locks. The policies may not pay out if windows are left unlocked overnight or when the owners are away from the house.

Insurance brokers who sell only by telephone, such as the Royal Bank of Scotland subsidiary Direct Line, have been undercutting competitors with big networks to support.

Farmers set for invasion by hippies

By Jamie Dettmer

FARMERS and landowners in Wales were yesterday urged to block access to fields to avoid an Easter holiday invasion by New Age travellers and hippies.

Bob Parry, president of the Farmers' Union of Wales, issued a warning to members as police monitored the movements of a 45-strong travellers' convoy near the Shropshire border.

Police fear that the convoy, which has set up an illegal camp on land near the village of Pen-y-bont, Clwyd, near Welshpool, will soon be joined by other travellers. Last summer, more than 8,000 travellers caused mayhem during an illegal "rave" party on private farmland 25 miles away at Kerry, Powys.

The owner of the land at Pen-y-bont has started the lengthy legal process to move the convoy and yesterday local authority councillors and a gypsy liaison officer met representatives from the convoy in an effort to persuade them to move on from the disused coal yard they are occupying.

Mr Parry said: "We would urge all farmers to take immediate action to block off all entrances to their land to try to keep these people out. We are only days away from Easter and we suspect these people will soon be joined by their friends."

Last week, Home Office ministers announced their intention to grant police new powers against travellers, ravegoers and itinerants. Police will be allowed to break up convoys of six vehicles or more and impose a five-mile exclusion zone around illegal "rave" sites. It is also intended to make trespass a criminal offence.

British test pinpoints bacteria

By Nick Nuttall
Technology Correspondent

A WAY of directly detecting the presence and site of bacterial infection in the body has been developed by British medical researchers.

The imaging technique could lead to a faster, safer way of diagnosing and treating patients undergoing harmful bacterial attack. It could be particularly vital for helping people whose immune systems have been attacked by cancer or Aids.

Conventional ways of detecting bacterial infections often require medical staff to handle patients blood, putting them at risk of exposure to disease. The new technique works without doctors having to remove blood and could also save money by ensuring the correct drugs are used.

The method, described at the British Nuclear Medicine Society conference at Imperial College, London, combines tiny amounts of a radioactive metal with an antibiotic.

When injected into the blood, the chemical travels through the body, penetrating disease-causing bacteria, turning them mildly radioactive. These gamma emissions can then be picked up by a detector to show doctors which bacteria are involved and their location.

The technique has been devised by Kishor Solanki at St Bartholomew's hospital and patented by the British Technology Group. It has been tested on 35 patients with approximately 90 per cent accuracy.

At the moment, doctors use a white cell scan method, which is difficult to administer in some patients and can take three days to give a result.

هكذا من الاصل

نسخة من الأصل

BMW 518i: £17,375, 1.8 litre fuel-injected engine, 113bhp. For more information on the 518i and BMW Finance write to the BMW Information Service, Winterhill, Milton Keynes, MK6 1HQ, or telephone 0908 249 189.

(Mr, Mrs, Miss etc.) Initial Surname 16 01TT07.04

Address

Town/County Postcode Telephone

Present Car Year of reg. Age if under 18

THE ULTIMATE DRIVING MACHINE

BMW 518iSE: £19,075, 1.8 litre fuel-injected engine, 113bhp. For more information on the 518iSE and BMW Finance write to the BMW Information Service, Winterhill, Milton Keynes, MK6 1HQ, or telephone 0908 249 189.

(Mr, Mrs, Miss etc.) Initial Surname 16 01TT07.04

Address

Town/County Postcode Telephone

Present Car Year of reg. Age if under 18

THE ULTIMATE DRIVING MACHINE

BMW 520i: £19,695, 2.0 litre, 6 cylinder 24 valve fuel-injected engine, 150bhp. For more information on the 520i and BMW Finance write to the BMW Information Service, Winterhill, Milton Keynes, MK6 1HQ, or telephone 0908 249 189.

(Mr, Mrs, Miss etc.) Initial Surname 16 01TT07.04

Address

Town/County Postcode Telephone

Present Car Year of reg. Age if under 18

THE ULTIMATE DRIVING MACHINE

BMW 520i Touring: £21,250, 2.0 litre, 6 cylinder 24 valve fuel-injected engine, 150bhp. For more information on the 520i Touring and BMW Finance write to the BMW Information Service, Winterhill, Milton Keynes, MK6 1HQ, or telephone 0908 249 189.

(Mr, Mrs, Miss etc.) Initial Surname 16 01TT07.04

Address

Town/County Postcode Telephone

Present Car Year of reg. Age if under 18

THE ULTIMATE DRIVING MACHINE

BMW 520iSE: £21,750, 2.0 litre, 6 cylinder 24 valve fuel-injected engine, 150bhp. For more information on the 520iSE and BMW Finance write to the BMW Information Service, Winterhill, Milton Keynes, MK6 1HQ, or telephone 0908 249 189.

(Mr, Mrs, Miss etc.) Initial Surname 16 01TT07.04

Address

Town/County Postcode Telephone

Present Car Year of reg. Age if under 18

THE ULTIMATE DRIVING MACHINE

BMW 520iSE Touring: £23,300, 2.0 litre, 6 cylinder 24 valve fuel-injected engine, 150bhp. For more information on the 520iSE Touring and BMW Finance write to the BMW Information Service, Winterhill, Milton Keynes, MK6 1HQ, or telephone 0908 249 189.

(Mr, Mrs, Miss etc.) Initial Surname 16 01TT07.04

Address

Town/County Postcode Telephone

Present Car Year of reg. Age if under 18

THE ULTIMATE DRIVING MACHINE

BMW 525i: £23,350, 2.5 litre, 6 cylinder 24 valve fuel-injected engine, 192bhp. For more information on the 525i and BMW Finance write to the BMW Information Service, Winterhill, Milton Keynes, MK6 1HQ, or telephone 0908 249 189.

(Mr, Mrs, Miss etc.) Initial Surname 16 01TT07.04

Address

Town/County Postcode Telephone

Present Car Year of reg. Age if under 18

THE ULTIMATE DRIVING MACHINE

BMW 525iSE: £25,100, 2.5 litre, 6 cylinder 24 valve fuel-injected engine, 192bhp. For more information on the 525iSE and BMW Finance write to the BMW Information Service, Winterhill, Milton Keynes, MK6 1HQ, or telephone 0908 249 189.

(Mr, Mrs, Miss etc.) Initial Surname 16 01TT07.04

Address

Town/County Postcode Telephone

Present Car Year of reg. Age if under 18

THE ULTIMATE DRIVING MACHINE

BMW 525i Touring: £25,250, 2.5 litre, 6 cylinder 24 valve fuel-injected engine, 192bhp. For more information on the 525i Touring and BMW Finance write to the BMW Information Service, Winterhill, Milton Keynes, MK6 1HQ, or telephone 0908 249 189.

(Mr, Mrs, Miss etc.) Initial Surname 16 01TT07.04

Address

Town/County Postcode Telephone

Present Car Year of reg. Age if under 18

THE ULTIMATE DRIVING MACHINE

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE MAN WHO COULDN'T FIND A 5 SERIES TO SUIT HIM?

NEITHER HAVE BMW.

BMW 525iX: £25,900, 2.5 litre, 6 cylinder 24 valve fuel-injected engine, 4WD, 192bhp. For more information on the 525iX and BMW Finance write to the BMW Information Service, Winterhill, Milton Keynes, MK6 1HQ, or telephone 0908 249 189.

(Mr, Mrs, Miss etc.) Initial Surname 16 01TT07.04

Address

Town/County Postcode Telephone

Present Car Year of reg. Age if under 18

THE ULTIMATE DRIVING MACHINE

BMW 525iSE Touring: £27,200, 2.5 litre, 6 cylinder 24 valve fuel-injected engine, 192bhp. For more information on the 525iSE Touring and BMW Finance write to the BMW Information Service, Winterhill, Milton Keynes, MK6 1HQ, or telephone 0908 249 189.

(Mr, Mrs, Miss etc.) Initial Surname 16 01TT07.04

Address

Town/County Postcode Telephone

Present Car Year of reg. Age if under 18

THE ULTIMATE DRIVING MACHINE

BMW 525iXSE: £27,300, 2.5 litre, 6 cylinder 24 valve fuel-injected engine, 4WD, 192bhp. For more information on the 525iXSE and BMW Finance write to the BMW Information Service, Winterhill, Milton Keynes, MK6 1HQ, or telephone 0908 249 189.

(Mr, Mrs, Miss etc.) Initial Surname 16 01TT07.04

Address

Town/County Postcode Telephone

Present Car Year of reg. Age if under 18

THE ULTIMATE DRIVING MACHINE

BMW 525i Sport: £27,500, 2.5 litre, 6 cylinder 24 valve fuel-injected engine, 192bhp. For more information on the 525i Sport and BMW Finance write to the BMW Information Service, Winterhill, Milton Keynes, MK6 1HQ, or telephone 0908 249 189.

(Mr, Mrs, Miss etc.) Initial Surname 16 01TT07.04

Address

Town/County Postcode Telephone

Present Car Year of reg. Age if under 18

THE ULTIMATE DRIVING MACHINE

BMW 525iX Touring: £27,750, 2.5 litre, 6 cylinder 24 valve fuel-injected engine, 4WD, 192bhp. For more information on the 525iX Touring and BMW Finance write to the BMW Information Service, Winterhill, Milton Keynes, MK6 1HQ, or telephone 0908 249 189.

(Mr, Mrs, Miss etc.) Initial Surname 16 01TT07.04

Address

Town/County Postcode Telephone

Present Car Year of reg. Age if under 18

THE ULTIMATE DRIVING MACHINE

BMW 525iXSE Touring: £29,350, 2.5 litre, 6 cylinder 24 valve fuel-injected engine, 4WD, 192bhp. For more information on the 525iXSE Touring and BMW Finance write to the BMW Information Service, Winterhill, Milton Keynes, MK6 1HQ, or telephone 0908 249 189.

(Mr, Mrs, Miss etc.) Initial Surname 16 01TT07.04

Address

Town/County Postcode Telephone

Present Car Year of reg. Age if under 18

THE ULTIMATE DRIVING MACHINE

BMW 530i: £29,750, 3 litre, 8 cylinder 32 valve fuel-injected engine, 218bhp. For more information on the 530i and BMW Finance write to the BMW Information Service, Winterhill, Milton Keynes, MK6 1HQ, or telephone 0908 249 189.

(Mr, Mrs, Miss etc.) Initial Surname 16 01TT07.04

Address

Town/County Postcode Telephone

Present Car Year of reg. Age if under 18

THE ULTIMATE DRIVING MACHINE

BMW 530i Touring: £31,600, 3 litre, 8 cylinder 32 valve fuel-injected engine, 218bhp. For more information on the 530i Touring and BMW Finance write to the BMW Information Service, Winterhill, Milton Keynes, MK6 1HQ, or telephone 0908 249 189.

(Mr, Mrs, Miss etc.) Initial Surname 16 01TT07.04

Address

Town/County Postcode Telephone

Present Car Year of reg. Age if under 18

THE ULTIMATE DRIVING MACHINE

BMW 540i: £33,950, 4 litre, 8 cylinder 32 valve fuel-injected engine, 286bhp, 5 speed Automatic. For more information on the 540i and BMW Finance write to the BMW Information Service, Winterhill, Milton Keynes, MK6 1HQ, or telephone 0908 249 189.

(Mr, Mrs, Miss etc.) Initial Surname 16 01TT07.04

Address

Town/County Postcode Telephone

Present Car Year of reg. Age if under 18

THE ULTIMATE DRIVING MACHINE

BMW M5: £49,750, 3.8 litre, 6 cylinder 24 valve fuel-injected engine, 340bhp, adaptive M suspension. For more information on the M5 and BMW Finance write to the BMW Information Service, Winterhill, Milton Keynes, MK6 1HQ, or telephone 0908 249 189.

(Mr, Mrs, Miss etc.) Initial Surname 16 01TT07.04

Address

Town/County Postcode Telephone

Present Car Year of reg. Age if under 18

THE ULTIMATE DRIVING MACHINE

PRICES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS. INCLUDE VAT, EXCLUDE ROAD FUND LICENCE AND, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF £470, DELIVERY AND NUMBER PLATES. PERFORMANCE FIGURES: MANUFACTURER'S DATA. ALL NEW BMWS COME WITH BMW EMERGENCY SERVICE THIS IS VALID THROUGHOUT FIRST OWNERSHIP OF THE CAR.

Jobless men blame dole for damaging their sex life

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

UNEMPLOYMENT can damage people's love lives, according to a survey published today. A third of those out of work admit they make love less often since losing their jobs.

The poll, claimed to be the biggest among unemployed people, examines the personal and social impact of joblessness as well as what the unemployed think of politicians, the royal family and other public figures.

It is based on more than 3,000 replies to a survey form distributed to the unemployed by the newspaper *Jobsearch UK*, which is a nationwide guide to jobs and training, and attempts to portray the average unemployed person in 1993.

The survey finds that he (most of the respondents are men) is 35 and married with two children. He owns his own home but is having difficulty paying the mortgage. He blames the Thatcher government and the world recession equally for being out of work, feels let down by John Major's government, does not think it either understands or cares about his plight, does not believe a Labour government would have cared any more and, if he voted Conservative in the last general election, will not do so again.

Three-fifths of the unemployed say that being out of work has not damaged their relationships with their partners, half of whom are still employed full time. Two-thirds say their partners have the same amount of admiration and respect for them since they lost their jobs. Half say being unemployed has not affected their love lives, but a third say they and their partners make love less often since being out of work. Seven per cent say they no longer make love, while 11 per cent claim their sex life has improved.

Regionally, the impact of unemployment on people's sex lives is worst in Scotland, where half those out of work say they make love less frequently and 30 per cent say they no longer make love at all. In contrast, three in ten people out of work in Yorkshire say they now make love more often.

Also in Scotland, 89 per cent of the unemployed say they are more likely to have arguments with their partners, compared with a UK average of 46 per cent.

Three-fifths of the unemployed say they have suffered from depression since being out of work, and the same proportion say they find visiting a social security office a humiliating experience. Looking for a job is a full time occupation: 45 per cent say they spend four hours every day trying to find work, and a further 24 per cent put the time at eight hours.

Ninety-four per cent feel that good-looking people — both men and women — are more likely to be selected for a job at an interview.

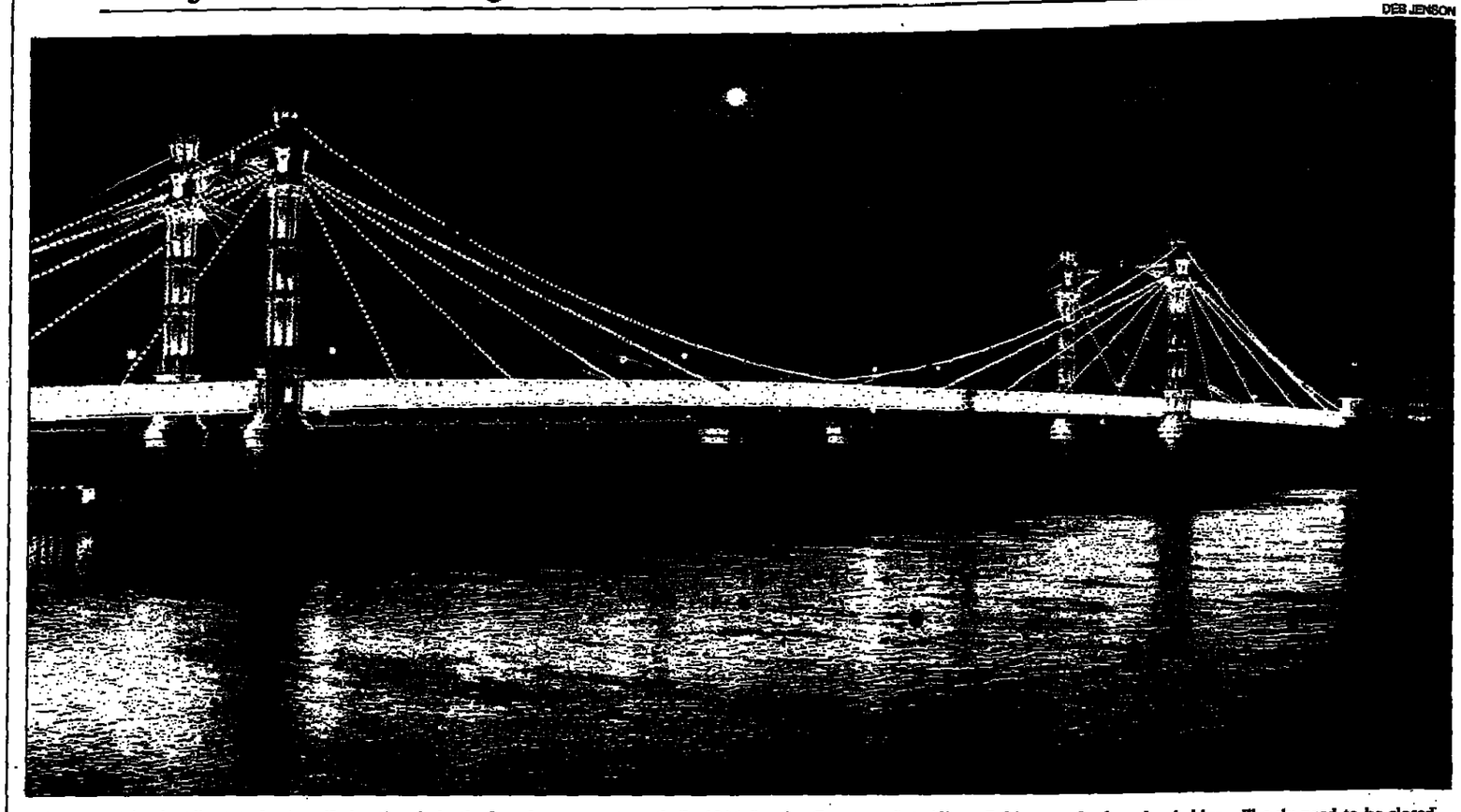
In addition to the answers to the poll questions, the survey gave the unemployed unprompted opportunities to say who they found were the most irritating, caring and least caring politicians, and who they would most like to swap places with if they could.

John Major was seen as the most irritating politician and was equal third as both the most and least caring among political leaders. His predecessor, Baroness Thatcher, was the least caring politician by a large majority. Richard Branson, of the Virgin empire, was the most popular choice for a life swap, followed by the racing driver Nigel Mansell, Mr Major, President Clinton and the veteran pop singer Cliff Richard.

The employment department said it was always interested in the findings of surveys about unemployed people, but was not sure it was helpful to see the unemployed as averages. It recognised the real difficulties of unemployed people, which was why it was increasing the help available for the unemployed.

120 years on, a bridge that should have fallen down defies its critics

DEB JENSON



A star at night: the Albert Bridge in London is 120 years old and suffering from so much metal fatigue that it should have fallen down by now, according to experts. Instead it has won an award for one of the most modern and efficient lighting systems in Britain (Ian Murray writes). The certificate of commendation, awarded by the Lighting Industry Federation, is in the best innovative traditions of the bridge, which has long delighted conservationists and been the curse of road engineers. Although its ornate design now epitomises the Victorian era, it was in the vanguard of bridge construction techniques when it was started in 1871. Within 11 years of its 1873 opening, engineers were questioning its strength. By 1906, London County Council described its condition as unsatisfactory. A 1935 report said there were "strains of considerable magnitude" but not until 1972 did the Greater London Council (GLC) agree to spend £500,000 on repairs, replacing the wooden deck. A two-ton weight limit was imposed on vehicles. A year later, the GLC wanted to close it permanently. But Albert Bridge survived and still plays its part in shifting London's commuter population across the river. It was given another facelift and a new lighting system 18 months ago, with over 3,000 low voltage tungsten halogen lamps that highlight the web of suspension bars. They burn 58 per cent less electricity and at the same time last much longer, so the bridge will only need to be closed once every other year, instead of every six months, to replace bulbs that burn out. North Bridge in Edinburgh is also highly commended but the overall winner for exterior lighting is Courthouse Square in Bradford. Awards will be presented today at the Savoy Hotel by Dr Mary Archer, who chairs the National Energy Council.

Robot cameras join revamp of BBC news

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC is to revamp the format of its television news programmes next week to try to fight off competition from Independent Television News and cable and satellite broadcasters.

The £650,000 facelift, based largely on presentation gimmickry, is intended to imprint the BBC "brand name" clearly on all breakfast, lunchtime and evening news bulletins. News studios will exist in a world of virtual reality with desks, lights, backdrops and floors being computer-generated images. The only real thing left in the studio will be the presenters and robotically controlled cameras.

Peter Bell, news programmes editor at BBC television, said the new look, to be unveiled on Tuesday, would make the corporation more competitive by emphasising the "BBC-ness" of its news programmes. "We have tried to come up with a family feel so that people will know immediately that they're watching a BBC News programme, but without undermining the idea that individual programmes have loyal audiences and should have a distinctive flavour," he said.

In a parallel move to boost ratings, the BBC has signed John Tusa, the former World Service head, and Edward Stourton, ITN's former diplomatic editor, to present the *One O'Clock News*. The new presenters, who go on air next Tuesday, will place greater emphasis on covering breaking stories and on live interviews.

The BBC will retain its familiar lozenge-shaped logo for its new-look news programmes, but the rest of the presentation will change dramatically, starting with an opening sequence showing a computer-generated image of the globe and a three-dimensional version of the corporation's coat of arms.

The BBC, which says this is the first news revamp for five years, is hoping that the changes will help it to win back some of the ground it has lost to ITN's *News at Ten*, which was relaunched last November. The BBC's *One* and *Six O'Clock* news programmes are well ahead of their rivals on ITN, with audiences of 3.9 million and 7.6 million respectively. But, in the first ten weeks of this year, the *Nine O'Clock News* has averaged 500,000 viewers fewer than *News at Ten*, which attracts 7.1 million.

By reducing production staff, using a single studio for all broadcasts and drawing heavily from a new data base of computer graphics for its maps, graphics and headlines, the BBC hopes to recoup the cost in three to four years.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dairy raid rewards offered

Rewards totalling £6,000, including one from an unnamed farmer, have been offered for the capture of armed raiders who shot two police officers after a robbery at a Unigate dairy in Poole, Dorset, last Saturday.

PC Charlie Dale, 36, and PC Steven Hogarth, 34, had surgery to remove shotgun pellets after the raiders fired at them from a getaway car that they had intercepted. The gang escaped with £10,000.

A £25,000 reward was offered for information on three armed robbers who kidnapped two Group 4 security guards at gunpoint in Hertford last Friday and stole "a substantial amount" of cash.

Robbers flee

A security clampdown was ordered at the Bank of Scotland in Uddingston near Glasgow after it was robbed for the second day running and in almost identical circumstances. In both cases the thieves fled red-handed after a dye device was activated.

Suicide inquest

Edward Smith, 80, a former estate manager, hanged himself at his home in Colemore, Hampshire, after mistakenly thinking he was responsible for a minor car accident, an inquest at Portsmouth was told. Verdict: suicide.

Cannabis haul

The drug squad seized 100 kilograms of cannabis worth £250,000 in a raid at a service station on the M6 at Corley, Warwickshire, after trailing two cars from east London.

Jeans seized

Some 5,000 pairs of counterfeit Levi jeans with a street value of more than £100,000 have been seized in raids on warehouses by West Midlands trading standards officers.

Mayor attacked

A gang of youths threatened Malcolm Wood, the lord mayor of Nottingham, and slashed the tyres of his civic Bentley after a city council meeting.

Driver killed

Danny Gales, 19, of Woolwich, south London, died after crashing a stolen high-performance Ford Escort while being pursued by a police car.

Cotton tale

Police investigating reports of drifting snow on the M6 in Staffordshire found a lorry had lost its load of 12 tons of raw cotton.

School blaze

Arsonists are being blamed for a fire that caused £1 million of damage at Manor High School, Crosby, Merseyside.

PAY 1993 MORTGAGE RATES IN 1998.

FIXED RATE MORTGAGE 7.95% 8.40% TYPICAL APR VARIABLE

Even the pin-striped suits on Threadneedle Street can't predict exactly what interest rates are going to be five years from now. So how do you take advantage of today's low interest prices without putting yourself in a potentially dangerous position for the future? Midland's fixed rate mortgages stay the same for the agreed period whatever happens, so you'll always know what you have to pay out every month. We've all experienced the ups and downs of interest rates, especially during the last few months, now's the time to become the master of your repayments, not the slave.

MIDLAND
The Listening Bank
member HSBC group

Important Information. A charge will be taken over your property and appropriate life policy(s). Credit facilities are subject to status. Full written details are available from Midland Bank plc, Customer Information, Silver Street Head, Sheffield, S1 3GG. The following example illustrates the monthly repayments for a typical fixed rate mortgage of £30,000 over 25 years, with interest fixed at 7.95% until 29 May 1998. Thereafter, interest is charged at our variable mortgage rate, which is currently 7.99%. Estimated costs and fees of £400 have been included, although this may vary according to the value of the property. A fixed rate booking fee of £250 has been included in the estimated fees. Endowment Mortgage: monthly repayments of interest only. The principal is repaid by the maturity proceeds of an endowment life policy. Interest rate of 7.95% until 29 May 1998, and 7.99% thereafter (APR of the total charge for credit 8.4% variable.) Fixed rate applies where any new Endowment cover required is arranged through Midland Life Limited. 62 net monthly payments of £149.06 followed by 238 monthly net payments of £149.51 (see notes below). One final payment of £30,000 from the proceeds of the life policy. Total Gross amount payable £90,263.00. The above is an example only. Written quotations for a specific advance are available on request at any Midland Bank branch. Notes: The above quotation is based on our standard variable mortgage rate for new borrowers as at 1 February 1993. Relief at the basic rate of tax is given direct by the Bank on the interest paid on the mortgage loan up to the statutory loan limit of mortgage interest relief (maximum amount of loan £30,000). The net repayment figures given above were calculated using 25% tax relief. Both the current statutory limit and the basic rate of income tax are correct at the time of going to press. For endowment mortgages, there is in addition a premium payable for an acceptable endowment policy to the Life Assurance Company. If you decide to repay part or all of the money before the end of the fixed period, there will be a fee to pay. This fee will be equivalent to three months gross interest on the amount repaid if there are two years or less before the fixed period ends. If there are more than two years remaining the fee will be equivalent to six months gross interest. Midland Life Limited is regulated in the conduct of it's investment business by SIB. Midland Mortgage Endowment Plan is a unit linked plan and, since the value of units can go down as well as up, it is possible that the value may fall below that of the original investment. Midland Bank plc is the selling agent of Midland Life. Midland Bank plc is a member of IMRO GC/89. © Midland Bank plc 1993.
YOUR HOME IS AT RISK IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LOAN SECURED ON IT.

Inspector cries foul over cheap fish tails

BY JOHN YOUNG

SCAMPI, scarcely known in Britain a generation ago but now a common dish in cafes, is to have its credentials challenged. "Real" scampi should consist of the tails of Dublin Bay prawns, fried in batter. But Paul Galland, Gloucestershire's county trading standards officer, suspects that much of what is sold as scampi is actually bits of other fish minced and bound together with starch or cereal.

He believes that to distinguish it from the genuine article, it should be described as "reformed scampi". Real scampi should cost between £5 and £7 a serving, and anything sold for significantly less was suspect.

After a complaint by a visiting clergyman on holiday, hundreds of pubs and restaurants in Gloucestershire received a notice warning them to observe the distinction. They can expect visits from trading standards officers and be fined for misdescription if they fail to comply with the ruling. One man has already been fined £400 and others have been issued with court summonses.

Mr Galland said: "Reformed scampi is usually very small fish, the tails of which are removed by water pressure jet, minced and soaked in polyphosphate. This product bears no relation to the genuine scampi tail. Customers should be told on the menu what they are purchasing. It is unfair that retailers selling the genuine product are put at a commercial disadvantage."

The claim that more than 90 per cent of scampi sold in Britain is actually the reformed variety was greeted with scepticism by Chris Leftwich, chief inspector of the Fishmongers Company.

Some years ago, so-called scampi did sometimes consist of minced fish such as monkfish, but that was now a delicacy, he said. Most scampi came from a few large suppliers, who would not risk their reputations by passing off a cheap substitute as the real thing.

Dogs sense epileptic fits 'before owners'

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

SOME dogs can detect when their owners are about to suffer an epileptic fit, according to a vet.

Andrew Edney says in the present edition of the *Veterinary Record* that the ability might prove useful not only in epilepsy but in other illnesses, including diabetes and heart disease. Mr Edney, from Leicestershire, says that how the dogs sense fits before they happen remains a mystery, but is probably a result of their acute powers of observation.

"Dogs can detect tiny changes in behaviour which would not be noted by most humans. Many dog owners will have observed that their dog is capable of detecting when they are going away, even though they believe they have not given any signals."

Mr Edney has collected data on 37 dogs in Britain which their owners say respond to seizures. The dogs look anxious, become restless, and either alert others in the vicinity or go in search of help when fits are imminent. Normally obedient dogs become badly behaved, barking, whining and jumping up.

Some become very attentive, licking the face and hands and encouraging the subject to lie down or move to a safe place. They often stand guard during the fit. The dogs cannot be fooled, ignoring fake seizure attempts by their owners. The best performers appear to be working dogs, with gun dogs and terriers also featuring quite strongly.

Mr Edney speculates that distinctive odours or the electrical disturbances that accompany epileptic fits could be the clue to the phenomenon. But keen observation is an equally likely reason.

Hero's desk for sale



Top drawer: this Regency mahogany desk made for the first Marquess of Anglesey, famous for his heroism at Waterloo in 1815 and his 18 children, is expected to make up to £600,000 at Christie's in London on July 8.

The marquess led the cavalry during the battle and one of the last shots of the day took off his leg, prompting a classic exchange with the Duke of Wellington. Looking down in surprise, he said: "By God sir, I've lost my leg." The duke replied: "By God sir, so you have!"

The desk is being sold by the executors of the late Sir John Musker, the racehorse owner and breeder.

هكذا من الأصل

critics



ill only need to ... ry other year ... months, to rep... n out. North ... gh is also high... hut the overall ... lighting is ... n Bradford. A... d today at its ... lary Archer, wi... d Energy Counc...

NEWS ... Dairy ... rewards offered

Robbe... - ...

Suicid...

Canni...

Jeans ...

Mayo...

Drive... Killed

Cotton ...

Schoo... Bid...

The great education debate

Classroom moral code unveiled

By JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

■ Teachers will be asked to set an example in dress and behaviour under a new moral code from government advisers for all state schools

GOVERNMENT advisers yesterday set out a new spiritual and moral code for schools, which they accused of doing too little to set standards of behaviour.

Teachers, whose initial reaction was that the proposals were insulting and unnecessary, will be asked to set an example in their dress and language. Pupils will be given clearer guidance on moral absolutes and more exposure to questions of spirituality.

A National Curriculum Council (NCC) discussion paper suggests that school values should promote honesty, integrity, respect, consideration for others, trust, personal responsibility and self discipline. Bullying, cheating, deceit, cruelty, irresponsibility and dishonesty should be specifically rejected.

David Pascall, NCC chairman, said: "Most schools would say they promote these values already, but look at what is happening in the classrooms and playgrounds. Schools need to place more emphasis on these issues.

"With the moral outrage over juvenile crime and terrorist attacks, this paper is extremely timely. Education can never be value-free and it will help schools address spiritual and moral issues, not just in religious education but in all aspects of school life."

NCC members believe that many schools have shied away from moral issues to avoid controversy. Their proposals are intended to influence the teaching of all subjects rather than add to a curriculum which Mr Pascall wants to see reduced by 30 per cent.

Teachers, the paper says, "are by the nature of their profession 'moral agents' who imply values by the way they address pupils and each other, the way they dress, the language they use and the effort they put into their work". Mr Pascall said it would not be appropriate to set a dress code for the profession, but teachers had to consider the example they set their pupils.

Gerald Imison, assistant general secretary of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, said many teachers would feel the guidance was unnecessary and insulting. "The reality is teachers do expect high standards of behaviour, dress and social values from their pupils and would only wish those who have influence outside schools had the same expectations. Teachers have a very difficult job in social circumstances which they often have little influence upon. We are concerned about the level of parental support; teachers need to work with parents and parents need to work with schools."

Mr Imison said teachers accepted that the way they behaved was a role model for pupils. There were very few who abused this position and no national code could deal with them.

Arthur De Caux, senior assistant secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "I would have thought there are more important things to do than to try to teach teachers how to suck eggs. It's long been the first priority for teachers to set an example. That's how they gain the respect needed to teach effectively."

The proposals are to be sent to all state schools with an encouragement that they develop their own policies.

☐ *Spiritual and Moral Development — a discussion paper* (NCC, 25 Skeldergate, York, YO1 2XL; free)

Tory unease, page 2
Teachers' offer, page 14
Leading article, page 15



Under pressure: despite a life-long ambition to teach, Kevin Jones is thinking of leaving the profession

Overbearing advisers destroy the dream of a beleaguered teacher

BY KATE ALDERSON

KEVIN Jones always dreamt of being a teacher. As a boy, he would listen to his woodwork and metalwork teacher and hope that one day he might also be able to inspire pupils and bring lessons alive.

Now head of design and technology at Westwood High School in Leek, Staffordshire, Mr Jones, 34, cannot remember ever wanting to do anything else. So it is with sadness that he says: "For the first time in my life, I'm thinking of leaving the job."

A teacher for 12 years, he has a passion for his profession, produces motivated students and good examination results. The 14-year-olds sitting in his Thursday morning design class clearly enjoy his teaching.

His classrom is full of chatter, the sound of chairs scraping on the floor and the unzipping and rattling of pencil cases. There is the familiar school smell, a fusion of linoleum, wood and dust.

"They're working on their project as part of the national curriculum," he says, shaking his head. "Look at this." He holds out the worksheet and gestures with open palms and raised shoulders: "It's just too prescriptive, there's no design involved, no thinking for themselves. In the past, they could have designed their own project, been creative. Here, let me show you something." He waves his arm with evident pride at a display case of work designed and constructed by his students. It includes a full-size tent, a model tram, a set of crockery and electric shavers.

"The government is laying down a new design and technology course. Over the last five to ten years it's been about thinking and solving problems, but this new course takes us right back to the old days where it was basic woodwork and metalwork, no creative thought. I strate none of a child's ability and do not represent the work we've been teaching."

He fears publication of the results will create a huge amount of pressure on the school to teach what they anticipate will come up in the tests, and on the children, whose test results will be compared with their peers'.

Like most teachers, he does not understand how he is meant to find the time to prepare, administer and mark the SATs: "In the run-up to the tests, each teacher will need to do around 30 hours' extra preparation a week. We already do two to three hours' preparation every evening."

At Westwood, teachers' complaints about testing and the national curriculum are not exacerbated by high levels of truancy, violence, delinquency or a poor environment. Children chat amiably to teachers in corridors and leave their school bags unattended without fear of theft. The school's 670 pupils, aged between 13 and 19, are drawn from town and country and taught in attractive 19th century buildings in large leafy grounds. It has a committed and energetic head teacher, an active body of governors, above average examination results and a tradition of sending pupils to university.

The smells and sounds of the classroom may be the same as when Mr Jones was a pupil, but there the comparisons end. Children now face testing at 7, 11 and 14, are continually assessed for their GCSEs and sit final examinations at 15 or 16, their performances meticulously tabulated in national league tables.

For teachers, syllabuses are continually changing, entailing hours more of preparation, assessed work must be marked outside of school hours, and a low position in a league table must be explained. They fear performance related pay, many object to the politics of opting out and disagree with John Patten's plans to wrest training from the hands of the teacher training colleges.

George Wiskin, Westwood's head teacher, is convinced the teachers will win the argument. "What Patten has to realise is that the controversy over testing has encapsulated a deep-rooted anger among teachers, and we believe the parents are behind us. Only last week, our governors wanted to pass a resolution supporting the teachers' boycott of the tests. That's a worrying sign for the education secretary."

> 'The tests are simplistic, have been hastily prepared, demonstrate none of a child's ability and don't represent the work we are teaching'

have to prepare a new syllabus for September, and then in 1995 the course will be changing again."

He points to three A4 binders that contain next year's syllabus, which he must prepare: "We have not been consulted about course content, we're just the people who have to teach it."

He reserves his most vitriolic criticism for the standard assessment tests, SATs, echoed by the majority of teachers at Westwood: "They will prove nothing. They are simplistic, have been hastily prepared, relate to a small number of facts, demon-

Private schools boycott English exams

By BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION REPORTER

ALMOST half the independent schools will boycott this summer's national curriculum tests in English for 14-year-olds.

Little more than 300 private schools have ordered test papers, reflecting the widespread disquiet felt by the schools with the exercise, which is only compulsory for the state sector.

Alleyn's School in Dulwich, south London, was the only private school among 102 that ran pilots last year. But the school's English department decided to abandon its plans for this June's examinations because of the confusion surrounding changes to the tests.

Bob Skelly, an English teacher, said reservations about their educational value and disruptive effect on teaching were outweighed by practical difficulties of planning lessons, due to details of revised tests not being available at the start of the school year.

The Northern Examining Board, which devised the pilots, was sacked by the school Examinations and Assessment Council and replaced by the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate last September.

Mr Skelly said that left schools uncertain of the contents of an anthology of poems and prose extracts from classic literature, and which Shakespeare play would be compulsory. "If we had known what texts would be set and what kind of tests pupils would face we might have carried on. In the event it was impossible," he said.

"People often think of independent schools as supportive of the government but we have to be a lot more hard-headed to do the best for our pupils and parents.

"We can take what we judge is the best of the national curriculum without risking injunctions like colleagues in state schools."

Mr Skelly said the new tests appeared to allow teachers less flexibility than the pilot examinations had indicated last year. Some questions in the new tests were too short and inconsequential.

"One sample question asks whether Caesar, in Julius Caesar, was happy, domineering, arrogant or suspicious when he says, 'Doth not Brutus bootless kneel'. You could make a case for three out of four of those answers," he said.

Dick Davison, deputy director of the Independent Schools Information Service, said a very large number of private head teachers had grave reservations about the tests.

"While they are not opposed to testing in principle — independent schools test pupils regularly — they are not convinced these tests will add anything significant," he said.

Universities urged to end the summer break



Flowers: change would improve conditions

By JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

UNIVERSITIES were urged yesterday to consider giving up the long summer break to ease growing overcrowding and make better use of campuses.

Lord Flowers, the former vice-chancellor of London University, offered universities two possible models to restructure the academic year. Both would mean extending the 30-week teaching year into the summer vacation.

Summer teaching would allow universities to take between 25 and 50 per cent more students in the same space, according to an interim report by Lord Flowers' committee of vice-chancellors and administrators. Universities would have more than one intake per year, and students might attend for three of the four terms.

The proposals were outlined at the first conference of the Higher Education Funding Council for England in Birmingham yesterday. John Patten, the education secretary, welcomed the plans.

Lord Flowers said reorganisation of the academic year would enable some universities to expand while others could offer better conditions to existing numbers of students. "The dramatic expansion of higher education has been at the cost of over-filled accommodation and over-pressed staff. This could be alleviated without further expansion by reorganising the academic year."

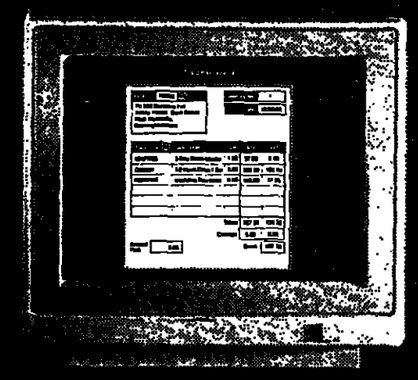
Some universities would not wish to extend their teaching year because of the limitations this would impose on research or conference revenue, Lord Flowers said. No cost has yet been put on the proposals, but the report suggests that it could be about 10 per cent in the long term.

☐ Universities are to be offered cash incentives to provide more vocational diploma courses at the expense of traditional degrees, Mr Patten told the conference.

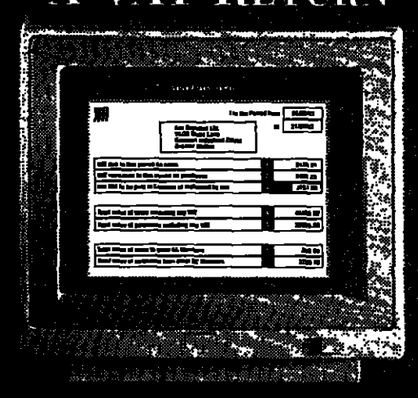
The break with tradition was necessary to produce the qualified technicians needed by British industry to keep up with foreign competition. Mr Patten also ruled out any increase in the length of degree courses, and encouraged further experiments with two-year degrees.

INTRODUCING SOME REVOLUTIONARY CONCEPTS IN ACCOUNTING

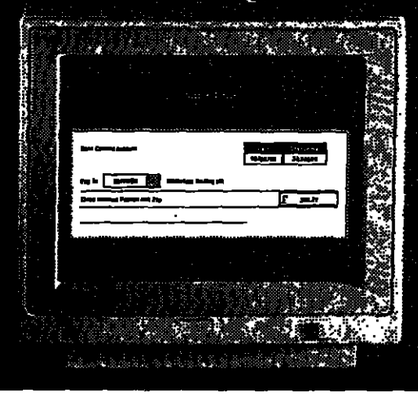
AN INVOICE



A VAT RETURN



AND A CHEQUE BOOK



SAGE STERLING +2

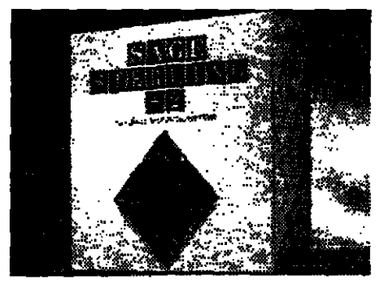
A REVOLUTION IN ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE

Trust Sage, the world's No.1 in accounting software, to come up with something so *different*, it's nothing short of revolutionary. What's so radical about Sterling +2 is the way it works. Real-life forms, such as cheques, invoices and VAT returns, are simulated on-screen – so even a complete beginner *intuitively feels at home.*

It's such a simple idea. You see, other *accounting software packages expect you* to think like a computer. Even if you're already familiar with manual bookkeeping, you're expected to re-learn routines and change your way of working. But with Sterling +2 you follow the *same* procedures and logic as in manual bookkeeping. (Except of course that all double-entry bookkeeping routines are handled for you automatically).

Even though it's very easy-to-use, Sterling +2 performs *all* the functions a growing company could want. Yet with four products in the range to choose from, you pay *only* for the functions your company needs. What's more, you can use Sterling +2 in a traditional DOS format or graphically under Windows. (Both DOS and Windows versions come in the same box for a single price.) Or, if you are a Macintosh user we've got Sterling for the Macintosh.

It's this flexibility to fit in with the way *you* work that makes Sterling +2 the natural choice for beginners *and* advanced users alike. That's why Sterling +2 is recommended by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales. For more information and a free demonstration disk, call Sage *free* on 0800 ++7777 quoting reference TT5, or send off the coupon below.



Please send me a free Sterling +2 demonstration disk and tell me more about this revolutionary new accounting package. TT5

Name _____
Company Name & Address _____
_____
_____
Postcode _____ Tel No. _____
Disk required 3.5 ☐ or 5.25 ☐ DOS ☐ or Windows ☐

THE SAGE GROUP PLC
Sage House, Benton Park Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE7 7LZ.
or call free on 0800 ++7777

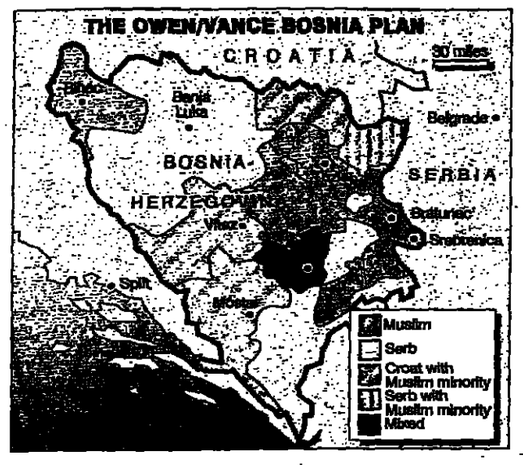
SAGE THE SAGE GROUP PLC

THE WORLD'S No.1 IN ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE

The Licensed Program Materials are recommended by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. However, any agreement made in respect of the Licensed Program Materials or for the purchase of related goods or services shall be made between the member and the supplier or manufacturer and the Institute shall not be a party thereto and cannot therefore be responsible for loss or damage occasioned by the use of the Licensed Program Materials or related products or services. For the reason members should satisfy themselves that the Licensed Program Materials or service fulfils their own standards or requirements and should not rely merely on the recommendation of the Institute

Hapless UN agency feels maligned and misunderstood

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK



WHILE the West agonises over the horror of Srebrenica, those who wade through Bosnia's bloodshed in an attempt to rescue the sick and the starving from besieged towns stand accused of abetting "ethnic cleansing".

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, which yesterday ran into yet more difficulties trying to start evacuating between 10,000 and 15,000 refugees from Srebrenica, feels maligned and misunderstood. It cannot stop the war, it says. That is up to the international community. It cannot even stop the fall of individual towns to Serb militias in eastern Bosnia. All it can and should do, it says, is try to help war's victims, although yesterday's attempt to bring people out of Srebrenica seemed stymied when local Muslims refused to obey orders from Alija Izetbegovic, Bosnia's Muslim president, to let the convoys through. If the Srebrenica refugees are freed by the UNHCR convoys, they will be taken to Tuzla, from where they will be resettled in former Yugoslavia and beyond. A senior defence commentator said in London yesterday that ethnic cleansing was almost always irreversible. "Most villages no longer exist, so refugees cannot be resettled," said Jonathan Eyal of the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies. "The UNHCR has been left to pick up the pieces. What can it do? See the refugees die a glorious death in vain? Or is the main aim to save as many lives as possible?"

In an institute booklet, *Europe and Yugoslavia: Lessons from a Failure*, Mr Eyal writes: "If European governments are serious in their determination to prevent 'ethnic cleansing' and not to reward aggression, they must follow the argument to its logical conclusion. Germany, the country which shouts loudest about Serbia's aggression, has ruled itself out of any military intervention and has decided to cut its defence expenditure even further.

"Britain continues its Options for Change, despite the fact that the assumptions made in the immediate aftermath of the Cold War have changed dramatically. Talk is louder than deeds: that is Europe's motto today."

The talk has largely revolved around the Vance-Owen peace plan. When President Izetbegovic signed the peace package on behalf of Bosnia's Muslims, he infuriated the negotiators by declaring that he would withdraw his signature if the Serbs did not sign "within a reasonable time frame". On his way home from the peace talks in New York, he suggested that the Serbs must accept the accord within ten days.

That was almost two weeks ago and — although Mr Izetbegovic has more recently spoken of a 15-day deadline for the Serbs to sign — it is now clear that the time is fast approaching when the Vance-Owen plan will be consigned to the dustbin of history.

The Bosnian Serbs have rejected the accord, and continue to try to force Muslims from a part of eastern Bosnia that the peace plan designates as a Muslim-controlled province. Muhammad Sacirbey, Bosnia's ambassador at the UN, said this week that the peace plan was "not yet dead, but on a resuscitator". Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance never expected the Bosnian Serbs to embrace their plan, which calls for them to surrender almost 40 per cent of the territory they control. But by securing the Muslims' signature, the mediators changed the diplomatic landscape to make possible a concerted effort by the rest of the world to force the Serbs to give up in the peace settlement what they have not lost on the battlefield.

"This is a poker game and the Serbs have played their card," Fred Eckhard, the negotiators' spokesman, said. "Vance and Owen consider this drama is still being played out and we haven't seen the last act yet."

The trouble is that the rest of the world cannot now agree on how to force the Serbs to accept the peace package, which not only forces them to abandon territory but denies them their own state or even a land corridor linking Serb lands to Serbia itself.

Russia is reluctant to allow additional UN sanctions against its traditional allies in the Serb-dominated rump of Yugoslavia, and has asked for a week's delay in tightening the existing UN embargo on the country. The Americans have promised the Bosnian Muslims that they will try to get the Bosnian government exempted from the arms embargo if the Serbs do not sign the peace plan. But the idea has found little support from Britain and other European powers, and would probably be vetoed by the Russians if it ever came to a vote in the UN.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, and Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, have discussed the possibility of using the Western planes, which are soon to enforce the no-fly zone over Bosnia to attack ground targets, to put military pressure on the Serbs.

Russia, however, has insisted that the UN resolution authorising enforcement of the no-fly zone exclude attacks on ground targets, and could easily block UN authorisation for Western air raids on the Serbs.

While the big powers prevaricate, the Serbs continue to consolidate their gains to ensure that any peace settlement reached is more favourable to them. The Serbs seem to hope that rather than a fully fledged peace plan like the one prepared by Lord Owen and Mr Vance, the UN will be forced to deploy peacekeepers to maintain a shaky peace along the present front lines — just as it has done by policing Serb-held areas of Croatia.

Until a political solution is reached, the UNHCR continues its thankless task. Sylvana Foa, spokeswoman for the UN agency, last night rejected any suggestion that it was carrying out "ethnic cleansing" by evacuating the refugees. "I think it's ludicrous to say you have to think of principles before you think of people," she said in Zagreb.

The planned UN convoys, which would take out women, children, the elderly and injured civilians daily, by themselves would not help Serbs take land, she said. Most of the people in Srebrenica were not residents, but refugees from Serb advances elsewhere.

West edges towards armed intervention as Serbs mock curbs

■ A provocative challenge to the US by Slobodan Milosevic has dismayed diplomats striving to negotiate a peace deal

BY MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND SHEILA GUNN

AS BESIEGED Sarajevo marked its first anniversary of the war yesterday, Western governments appeared one step closer to military intervention in Bosnia. David Howell, the chairman of the House of Commons foreign affairs committee said he believed, reluctantly, that military intervention will be necessary in eastern Bosnia.

In Washington, Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, fuelled the pressure on President Clinton to intervene more forcefully in Bosnia with a highly provocative interview in which he mocked the idea that stronger international sanctions would compel the Serbs to sign the Vance-Owen peace plan for Bosnia.

Mr Howell, who had previously cautioned against military action, described the horrors of Srebrenica as a turning point and sided with Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, in suggesting that the arms embargo on the Bosnian Muslim be lifted. He said: "The mood of the world is beginning to say that the democracies must intervene, even if it is not in their direct narrow interest."

Mr Milosevic, in an interview with *The Washington Post*, said history showed sanctions to be ineffective and added that he did not believe Mr Clinton would resort to force. "I appreciate very much that the US will not be the world policeman. This administration is orientated to the essential problems of the US ... and will not try to hide internal problems by opening international problems."

Later Mr Clinton dismissed Mr Milosevic's comments as "pure politics" designed to avert tougher sanctions. But the interview dismayed diplomats in Washington striving to avert a rift in US and European policy towards Bosnia. "It just doesn't help," said one. "What it will do is add fuel to the flames of those in the administration interested in lifting the arms embargo" so that the Muslims could fight the Serbs on equal terms.

Mr Christopher this week proposed lifting the embargo, but acknowledged that that would mean more bloodshed and put British and French humanitarian operations in Bosnia at greater risk. Removing the embargo would also be tantamount to admitting that the peace plan is dead.

Mr Clinton is in a considerable dilemma. He is being pressed on the one hand to take the sort of forceful actions that he promised in his election campaign, but is constrained not only by his European allies, but also by his reluctance to undermine President Yeltsin before the critical April 25 Russian referendum on his policies. Mr Yeltsin's opponents have begun accusing him of betraying the Serbs. Russia's old allies, to please America. At his request, Washington delayed until at least next week the United Nations Security Council vote on new sanctions against Serbia.

Although Mr Clinton, Mr Christopher and other top American officials have several times talked of lifting the embargo, they have so far put little private pressure on Britain and France to agree to such a drastic step.

The administration is itself divided on the issue. The Pentagon and the National Security Council are said to be broadly in favour, but the State Department argues that Russian — and therefore security council — approval would be impossible to obtain.

Evacuation halted, page 1
Enforcing peace, page 14

Muslim soldiers laugh in face of death

FROM JOEL BRAND IN ZAGREB

A man who took a treacherous two-night walk through Serb lines to get to Srebrenica, yesterday painted a grim picture of life and death in one of eastern Bosnia's last Muslim pockets.

Philip von Recklinghausen has been to hell and back. He is one of very few reporters to have been in the besieged town in eastern Bosnia-Herzegovina during its recent suffering. On Sunday, after being wounded twice during nine weeks in Srebrenica, the 24-year-old photographer escaped in a United Nations helicopter operation. Srebrenica will certainly fall to the rebel Serbs, he said yesterday, and most of the people there, including many he now considers friends, will die.

"Normally you don't know someone is going to die, but when you do, it is a horrible feeling," he said. The size of the Srebrenica pocket has been cut by more than half since he arrived on January 29.

"I think the soldiers I spoke with know they are going to die. They laugh, because it is good to laugh when you know you have a only a few more days left. They are eating the best of their food and drinking the last of the slivovice," Mr von Recklinghausen said, referring to the local plum brandy. Yesterday the plight of the citizens of Srebrenica worsened after the UN had to abandon an operation to evacuate 15,000 Bosnian Muslims.

Two Royal Navy Sea Kings flew into Srebrenica on Sunday to evacuate a badly wounded Canadian peacekeeper. The Sea Kings also took out Tony Birtley, an ABC television correspondent who had been badly wounded in the leg, and Mr von Recklinghausen.

The UN evacuation operation was ostensibly only for its wounded soldiers. The UN feared, however, that the two journalists would never escape the shrinking Muslim pocket, and that Mr Birtley, a British citizen, might lose his leg if he was not evacuated by helicopter. The Sea Kings came under mortar fire and were hit by small arms fire during the journey, but nobody was injured and there was no substantial damage.



Still suffering: Muslim refugees who managed to flee from the war in Bosnia into Croatia queuing in Zagreb yesterday for food and clothing outside a charity headquarters in the city

Mr von Recklinghausen, his clothes torn and dirty, emerged smiling from a white Royal Navy Sea King in the Bosnian town of Kiseljak on Sunday. Afterwards, as he tucked into pizza and salad at a local restaurant, the freelance photographer alternated between the joy of freedom and depression over the people he left behind.

He described taking photographs of the frail corpse of an elderly man who had wasted away to nothing. "A lot of people died by a combination of hunger, illness and cold. But not this man, he died of hunger," Mr von Recklinghausen said. "Just skin and bones," he said. "Even if I have lost that negative, I will always have that picture on my mind."

During his nine weeks in Srebrenica, Mr von Recklinghausen was wounded twice by shrapnel. The more serious injury occurred when he was walking with a group of Bosnian soldiers and one tripped a land mine. He received a number of small cuts and a piece of shrapnel passed through his right forearm.

The only surgeon lookig after the community of 40,000 treated the wound, but like everyone else in Srebrenica at the time, he had to endure the pain without the help of anaesthetics. "It was painful, very painful. And this is something difficult to understand; you have no choice. There is no other way to heal the wound. You are able to accept the pain if you know there is no other way."

Mr von Recklinghausen said he ate comparatively well in the town because the family he lived with was well connected and wealthy. Nevertheless, he has visibly weakened and has lost considerable weight. Usually he had three cups of watery-bean soup and two slices of bread to eat each day.

His journey began in late December when he set off hitchhiking from Berlin to Bosnia with 1,000 German marks in his pocket — everything he could spare. Before this trip he worked for a bi-weekly newspaper in eastern Berlin. He used his six-week annual holiday to make the journey to Bosnia.

"I thought for a long time what I would do," he said with a tired smile. "I wanted to gain experience. I wanted adventure. And I wanted to work."

Once he was in Bosnia, he made his way to the Muslim-held town of Tuzla, near Srebrenica, and made contact with local soldiers who agreed to take him with them into the besieged town on an ammunition run.Mr von Recklinghausen said that the decision to enter the town, where no journalist had been since it was besieged 11 months ago, was a hard one to make.

"It was a very difficult decision for me because I knew that my holidays were almost over," he explained, saying he was concerned about being late back for work. "I wanted to stay only seven days in Srebrenica. It was easy to go in, but it was very hard to come back out."

SHOWHOUSES
WANTED
for
Conservatories
& Porches
Molloy
ARCHITECTURAL
Provided you will allow us to bring 4 potential clients to view, we will build you a prestige Molloy conservatory or porch with a substantial discount at a fraction of the normal price.
FOR MORE DETAILS PHONE THE DISPLAY DEPT ON
0800 838748
We must reserve the right to decline unsuitable sites

Karadzic goes to Moscow for secret talks with allies

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN MOSCOW

RADOVAN Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, arrived in Moscow yesterday for secret talks with Russian opposition leaders who strongly back the Serbian cause and have called for an end to international sanctions against Serbia.

The Russian foreign ministry confirmed that Mr Karadzic was in the city, but knew nothing of his movements. In spite of intense nationalist pressure to break ranks with the West over Serbia, the Russian government has agreed to enforce sanctions against Belgrade and has backed most of the actions instigated by the United Nations to increase the pressure on the Serbs.

Mr Karadzic was reported to be having talks with conservative parliamentary deputies in an effort to negotiate a lifeline to Serbia should the UN impose tough new sanctions on Belgrade. The Yugoslav embassy in Moscow would not say how long he would be staying.

President Yeltsin's government is uneasy about the international isolation of Serbia, with which Russia has strong historic and religious links. A foreign ministry spokesman said yesterday that Russia might take new steps to try to end the fighting in Bosnia, and might soon send Vitali Churkin, its special envoy on Yugoslavia, back to Belgrade. He held talks with Mr Karadzic and with President Cosic, the Yugoslav federal leader, last week.

Mr Yeltsin discussed the Bosnian fighting with President Clinton at the Vancouver summit, but Russia still appears uncertain how far it should continue supporting the Western line. About 1,000 Russian troops are taking part in UN peacekeeping operations in Croatia.

Russian opposition deputies, right-wing journalists and shadowy military figures frequently visit Belgrade. Many are suspected of trying to help the government of Slobodan Milosevic get round sanctions.

According to a recent investigation by *Nezavisimaya Gazeta*, managers of state factories in Russia, with old ties to Yugoslav enterprises, are engaged in semi-legal business outside government control. It said Russian and Serb go-betweens had co-operated in sanctions-busting through Cyprus, and Belgrade is helping finance Russian opposition to Mr Yeltsin.

Bonn awaits court ruling on airmen

FROM REUTER IN BONN

TENSIONS within Helmut Kohl's government increased yesterday as Bonn awaited a supreme court ruling on whether Germany can join United Nations military missions in Bosnia.

Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger, the justice minister, urged her Free Democrats to consider leaving Herr Kohl's coalition if the court refused to consider their request that it stop Bonn from sending airmen on Nato reconnaissance flights over Bosnia. Other leaders of the small liberal party said quitting would neither help the beleaguered Bosnians nor bring Germany any closer to the new international role it has been struggling to define since the country's unification in 1990.

The issue of helping impose the no-fly zone decreed by the UN Security Council has turned into an embarrassing crisis for the government. Officials said Herr Kohl would send his foreign, defence and interior ministers to argue before the court today that Germany's postwar constitution allows troops to be deployed outside Nato.

Manfred Wörner, the Nato secretary-general and a former Bonn defence minister who has pushed hard for Germany to assume a wider world role after unification, will also appear before the court in the Karlsruhe. Between 60 and 70 Nato fighters are expected to start enforcing the UN ban next week.

The Free Democrats support a wider role for the German military but insists that the constitution, drawn up in 1949, must be amended before troops can be deployed outside Nato.

هكذا من الأصل

reached ... more
urable to them ... the verbs
n to hope that ... rather than
lly fledged ... plan like
one prepared ... Lord
en and Mr ... the US
be forced to ... Peace
pers to ... talks
ice along the ... from
es — just as ... time to
icing Serb ... of
natia.
Until a politi... action is
iched, the ... continuing
s its thankless ... Bosnia
a, spokeswom... for the
N agency ... rejected
y suggestion ... was
rrying out ... cleans-
g" by evacuat... refu-
es. "I think ... crimes is
y you have ... risk of
inciples bef... risk of
ople," she sai... search
The planned ... women
hich would ... women
ildren, the ... and in-
ured civilians ... them-
lves would ... verb,
ake land, she ... cost of
he people in ... were
of residents ... peace
rom Serb ... mes
lsewhere.



unity Croatia ...
rs in the city

waits c...
on air...

REUTER ...

Republicans force Clinton to trim recovery package

■ Bill Clinton is in the unusual position of talking down the recovery to ensure the passage of his economic legislation

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton is being forced to scale back the $16 billion (£10.5 billion) economic recovery package, one of the centrepieces of his economic programme, in what amounts to his first serious setback in Congress.

The move follows a nine-day filibuster by Republican senators and three failed attempts by the Democrat majority to force a vote. For the Republicans, who are in a minority in both Congressional chambers, the administration's willingness to compromise on a significant area of policy amounts to their most significant success in Congress so far since the inauguration.

Robert Dole, the Republican minority leader in the Senate, has already given warning that they may repeat such tactics to block other Democratic prestige legislation. Filibusters are a parliamentary device that allows a minority to block a vote, and under senate rules can only be stopped with a majority of at least 60 in the 100-strong senate. With only 57 senators on their side, minus one, Senator Richard Shelby of Alabama, with whom the White House is in a constant state of battle, the Democrats fall short of this threshold.

The president yesterday vowed to continue the fight for the recovery package. He told journalists: "The American people, I am sure, are disappointed to find that a programme that would put a half million people to work and that has the support of the majority of the Senate cannot be brought to a vote because democracy and majority rule is being undermined."

Mr Clinton has gone to great lengths to push his spending package, which Republicans denounce as pork barrel spending. Democrats and Republicans have so far been only able to agree to end the filibuster in order to pass an increase in the federal debt burden, without which the government would be insolvent. Congress now begins an 11-day Easter break, during which Senate leaders will negotiate some aspects of the package.

The Democrats are understood to have offered $1.8 billion in cuts. The main criticism of the package is that it could turn out to be superfluous, since the US economy is already showing signs of recovery. This has led to the bizarre situation that the president and his team are talking down the significance of the recovery in order to preserve the case for the stimulus.

☐ **Peace plea:** Mr Clinton, hoping to win Arab support for renewed Middle East peace talks, met President Mubarak of Egypt yesterday in Washington to offer assurances of a balanced American approach to defusing the region's problems. *(Reuter)*



False start: Michael Foale, a British astronaut from Cambridge, waving as he set off yesterday for the Discovery's eight-day mission. Take-off was aborted

Computers ground second shuttle

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

FOR the second time in as many weeks, the launch of an American space shuttle was aborted moments before take-off yesterday when computers automatically grounded Discovery after detecting an open valve.

The engines of the Discovery were five seconds away from igniting at 2.32 yesterday morning when on-board computers located the fault. The countdown was stopped 11 seconds before the scheduled lift-off.

Stuart McClung, a Nasa engineer, said that if the shuttle had blasted off with a valve open, hydrogen fuel might have leaked out and caused an explosion. "The system worked just like it was supposed to — again," he said. A similar hitch occurred on March 22, when the launch of the Columbia shuttle was aborted just three seconds before take-off.

The Discovery was supposed to make an eight-day science mission to examine the ozone layer. Brewster Shaw, the deputy director of the programme, said yesterday that another launch attempt would not be made before tomorrow. A longer delay could affect the scientific results of the mission, which will collect atmospheric information above the Earth's northern latitudes during the short winter-spring transition period now under way.

As soon as the countdown was stopped, Nasa engineers moved quickly to pump the volatile fuel from the shuttle's external tanks. Forty-five minutes later the five astronauts, four men and a woman, emerged.

Nasa had intended to launch about eight missions in 1993, but so far this year only one shuttle has been put into orbit. The launch of Columbia has been delayed until later this month.

Even before yesterday's aborted take-off Thomas Utsman, the shuttle director, acknowledged that the agency has hit "a surge" a problems. "What's behind it?" he said. "Human factor."

Lisa Malone, an agency spokeswoman, said: "We do have some indications of a possible instrumentation problem in the main propulsion system." The findings of an investigative board are expected to be released later this month.

De Niro need not pay maintenance

BY BEN MACINTYRE

A COURT in Los Angeles has ruled that the actor Robert De Niro is under no obligation to pay child support for the daughter of a nightclub singer who claimed that, although he might not have been the child's father, he acted as though he were.

The singer, Helena Lisandrello, met Mr De Niro at a Hollywood party in 1979 and began a long relationship with him. In 1983 she gave birth to a daughter, who was named Nina Nadeja De Niro. In August last year she sued the actor, who has won Academy Awards for his roles in *Raging Bull* and *The Godfather II*, for $10,000 (£6,500) a month in child support. She also claimed legal fees in excess of $100,000.

Under a court order Mr De Niro, 49, has been paying her $2,500 a month since last September, but three court-ordered blood tests subsequently showed that he was not the girl's biological father. Ms Lisandrello, 31, none the less contended that, because De Niro had told Nina he was her father and treated her as such, he should pay child support as her "putative father". The child's genuine father is unknown. The category of "putative parenthood" is a new, if not unique one in the increasingly acrimonious world of American child-custody litigation.



De Niro: paid $2,500 a month to support child

Farrow branded Allen as 'Devil'

FROM OUR NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT

A former nanny for the children of Mia Farrow gave evidence this week that the actress was a moody, self-obsessed mother, who treated her biological children more kindly than her adopted children and once slapped one of them because he could not find a dog leash.

As the child custody battle between Mia Farrow and Woody Allen entered its third vituperative week, Mr Allen's lawyers sought to portray Ms Farrow as a hysterical and even violent parent and Mr Allen as a calming influence on the fractured family.

Monica Thompson, who worked for the couple for eight years, told the Manhattan state supreme court that Ms Farrow had told her children that Mr Allen was "the Devil" after she found out about his affair with Soon-Yi Previn, 22, her adopted daughter. Ms Thompson admitted she lied to Connecticut police last year when she told them that Ms Farrow was a good mother because she was afraid of losing her job.

At the time police were investigating Ms Farrow's allegations that Mr Allen, her lover of more than a dozen years, had sexually abused their adopted daughter Dylan, now seven. Mr Allen and his lawyers say that a team of child-abuse experts has cleared him of those allegations, and no charges have been brought.

Ms Farrow has four of her own offspring and seven adopted children. The custody dispute is over the three she shares with Mr Allen: Dylan, Moses, 15, and their biological son Satchel, five.

Ms Thompson, who is no longer employed by Ms Farrow, 48, said the actress treated her adopted children markedly worse than the others, creating resentment within the family.

A friend and former assistant of Mr Allen, Jane Read Martin, also gave evidence that one of Ms Farrow's adopted children, Lark, was treated "like a little skullery maid" and made to fetch and carry, cook and baby-sit the younger children.

"She clearly resented it," Ms Martin said. "She felt put upon." Mr Allen's lawyers also alleged that Ms Farrow was more concerned with exacting vengeance on her former lover than ensuring the well-being of her children.

Ms Thompson testified that the actress appeared "happy and jolly" after Dylan recounted to police the accusations that Mr Allen had abused her. "Everything is all set," Ms Thompson recalled Ms Farrow saying.

Mr Allen's lawyer, Elkan Abramowitz, said the statement indicated Ms Farrow was planning to frame Mr Allen. "Obviously if Dylan had really been abused, she would not have been happy — she would have reacted differently," he said later.

Meanwhile a series of witnesses for Mr Allen described him as a loving, attentive father who enjoyed playing with his children and never lost his temper or spoke badly of Ms Farrow — despite their dreadful relationship.

NOW IN ITS 10TH. SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

Massively parallel computing.

When it comes to massively parallel computing, it seems we've been massively successful.

We're now on our fourth generation of massively parallel business systems – and we're delivering them.

They say imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. So it's nice to note that after all the years of saying it couldn't be done, some of our biggest competitors are now trying to do it.

Well, as we've proved, it wasn't impossible. But, also true, it wasn't easy.

So, naturally enough, we've patented a number of our solutions.

Which makes the task for others that much harder.

While our competitors are working on their systems, our systems are working for our clients.

For example: a major US financial institution uses one to analyse credit card repayment behaviour, and thus credit control, on 4 million accounts...

The first year's benefit to the bottom line was $12 million – which is three times the cost of buying and installing the computer!

Massively parallel processing is just one of the technologies needed to take today's companies into the next millenium.

Others include global computer networks linking your company, your clients and your suppliers, that will be as easy to use and as accessible as the telephone network is today.

To provide these, NCR's expertise in enterprise computing and AT&T's in global telecoms have been brought together.

To create a new kind of information systems company.

For further information call us on 071-724 4050.

AT&T NCR

The Strategy for Managing Change.

Corruption warnings rock top Italian party

FROM PHILIP PULLELLA IN ROME

GAETANO Amendola, personal secretary of Arnaldo Forlani, the former Italian prime minister, was arrested yesterday as the country's growing corruption scandal sent shock waves through Italy's dominant Christian Democratic party (DC). Signor Amendola is alleged to have collected about 1.2 billion lire (£500,000) in bribes, judicial sources said.

His arrest came just a day after Signor Forlani himself was notified that he was under investigation in the huge bribery scandal that has now struck at the heart of Italy's largest party. In less than ten hours on Monday, magistrates in Milan and Rome issued corruption warnings to Signor Forlani, 67, and Giulio Andreotti, 74, another former prime minister.

Both were told that they were the subject of separate enquiries for allegedly breaking the law on funding of political parties, the crime at the core of the scandal. Both are MPs who cannot be tried unless their immunity is waived by parliament.

Magistrates believe that Signor Forlani's wing of the Christian Democrats received bribes from companies in exchange for the award of contracts by Anas, the state road-building authority. Signor Forlani was until last year the secretary of the party, which has had a stranglehold on power in Italy for 40 years. He denies any wrongdoing.

The centre-right *Il Giornale* said yesterday that the magistrates' warnings "strike at the heart of the old Christian Democratic Party". Journalist Stefano Folli, writing in *Corriere della Sera* in Milan, said: "The DC is trembling and tearing itself to pieces."

The warning to Signor Forlani that he is under investigation appears to mark the definitive end of the so-called CAF (Craxi-Andreotti-Forlani) triumvirate that dominated Italian politics in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Bettino Craxi, the former Socialist leader and prime minister, is also under investigation.

Commentators said that the warnings were particularly destabilising for the Christian Democrats because the party is in the throes of an internal revolt by younger members.

Francesco Cossiga, the former president, yesterday pressed for a decision on his impeachment for treason, saying it was time Italy started tackling more serious problems. Opposition parties in the previous parliament are trying to impeach Signor Cossiga for high treason and violating the constitution through his frequent and colourful attacks on all Italy's institutions during his last two years in power. *(Reuter)*

Rome's politics must reform or 'be embalmed'



Spirit of reform: Mario Segni, the former Christian Democrat, is urging people to vote for change in next week's plebiscite

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

A fifth of Italy's deputies face corruption charges. Voters are being urged to vote to reform the system

The Italian political system will only be fit for "embalming" if the country rejects electoral reform in a crucial referendum next week, Mario Segni, the main promoter of the plebiscite, said yesterday.

"If the 'yes' vote wins it will not mean a magic wand is waved against all the problems of Italy such as the Mafia," explained Signor Segni, who resigned from the Christian Democrat party last week, protesting that the largest political grouping in Italy has lost its Christian inspiration. "But I believe that at least we can have strong institutions. The old parties will disappear. For the first time in Italy, alternation in government will be possible."

Opponents of electoral reform, mainly small parties of protest who stand to gain from retaining proportional representation, claim the visionary Signor Segni is overdramatising the April 18 plebiscite as the only hope for a regenerated Italy. But Signor Segni points to growing concern abroad about instability in Rome to support his case. "If the 'no' camp wins, Europe will be right to be afraid of what is happening in Italy," he said. "A 'yes' victory means taking a step toward the conquest of a modern democracy like in the larger Western countries. A 'no' victory would mean embalming this system with 16 or 17 parties, each one trying to grind its own axe rather than thinking of the national interests."

Referendums have played an important part in post-war Italy as an expression of public opinion outside the limits of government initiative. In the 1970s, plebiscites led to legalisation of abortion and divorce laws against fierce opposition from the Church and the Christian Democrats.

Signor Segni is asking Italy's 45 million voters to introduce the first-past-the-post system for 238 of the 315 seats in the senate while retaining PR for the remainder. If the 'yes' vote succeeds, the lower house, the chamber of deputies, is expected to follow suit.

The precise mechanics of the reform have yet to be determined. Some 'yes' supporters, including the bulk of the Democratic Party of the Left (*PDS*) want a French-style system in which electors vote twice. Mino Martinazzoli, the Christian Democrat leader, wants a British-style single round. Signor Segni believes the details are not important so long as Italy can rid itself of the proportional system that has helped produce weak coalition governments and fractured Parliaments ever since April 18, 1948, the first and only time the Christian Democrats won an absolute majority.

Whether the current chamber of deputies, in which one fifth of MPs have been placed under investigation, can be trusted to reform itself. Signor Segni replied that "no parliament will be able to pass a good reform unless it is constrained by the popular will, and that is by a clear 'yes' victory in the referendum on the senate".

If the electorate votes 'yes' he has pledged to develop further his own grassroots movement, the Popolari per la Riforma (ordinary people for reform), which could become either the successor to the Christian Democrats or a challenger for the Catholic-inspired vote. Signor Segni declines to say how many Christian Democrats might follow him out of the parliamentary party. "I did not intend to create a split just to make another little party," said signor Segni. "I am convinced that the day after the referendum the historical cycle of the old parties will be over."

A lecturer in law in his native Sassari, Signor Segni has been variously dubbed a heretic, an aristocrat and a revolutionary. The newspaper *La Stampa* called him a "bourgeois subversive". He calls himself *un testardo* (headstrong).

His decision to leave the Christian Democrats after 17 years in the party has been hailed as a singular act of courage. There has been speculation that the investigation of Giulio Andreotti, the former Christian Democrat leader, on suspicion of collusion with the Mafia played a part in his decision.

"It is not for me to give judgments on the *avvisi di garanzia* [formal judicial warnings] nor on the work of the judges who must continue their work in peace without outside interference," he said. "Checking the reliability of the supergrasses also is the difficult and delicate duty of the magistrature. I can only note that the ruling class of the Christian Democrats is politically responsible for what has happened. I condemn this responsibility and it is because of this that I decided to leave."

Balladur hits the farming hurdle

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

FRANCE's farmers and fishermen yesterday made it clear to Edouard Balladur, the new prime minister, that there was no chance of letting him off the hook over electoral pledges to support their cause, no matter how much it damaged European unity.

M Balladur's ear-bashing from leaders of the farm and fishing unions, at his first appointment since organising the centre-right cabinet, brought home an uncomfortable truth for the new regime: the Maastricht quarrel is far from over. With only months in which to make its mark and pave the way to a presidential election in 1995, the government must execute some fast and fancy footwork to avoid foundering on the shoals of European union. Hanging on the outcome are not only the fates of the farmers, but the electoral fortunes of Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist chief, and his rivals for the succession to François Mitterrand — Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, Michel Rocard and Jacques Delors.

With the Socialist party lying in ruins after its electoral disaster and M Rocard's seizure of power, French politics face an upheaval which could leave two broad political formations, with the pro-Europeans of the liberal right and moderate left on one side facing an anti-federalist force comprising the Gaullist party and the far left and right. Always the supreme strategist, President Mitterrand is said to be banking on the shift to hand the tenancy of the Elysée Palace to M Delors rather than M Chirac or M Rocard, two men whom he detests.

The cohabitation government won some breathing space from its partners this week after Alain Juppé, the foreign minister, persuaded his EC colleagues that his government needed about a month to clarify its positions. M Balladur yesterday gave his key ministers, who are at least moderately pro-European, three weeks to come up with proposals.

Their dilemma consists of finding a way to satisfy the farmers that they will fulfil the Gaullist and liberal electoral promises to reject the "Blair House" US-EC accord on farm trade and win a better deal for France in the common agricultural policy without provoking a conflict with the EC.



Balladur: left in no doubt by farmers

Scandal reveals split in Spanish Socialists

FROM JULIA HAYLEY IN MADRID

A DEEP split within Spain's ruling Socialist party appeared yesterday over the extent to which it should shoulder blame for a corruption scandal that is threatening its chances of re-election.

Txiki Benegas, the party's third most senior official, tried to offer himself as a scapegoat for the scandal and so clear the party's name before a general election later this year. But the gesture backfired badly.

Señor Benegas, who is responsible for the day-to-day running of the party, referred in his letter to a lack of solidarity and loyalty within the party.

The newspapers, however, said it had done the Socialists more harm than good. "Far from calming the waters, the letter has just stirred them up more," the daily *El País* said. "For the first time the depth of the rift within the PSOE leadership is on view." This sentiment was echoed by the Catalunya-based paper *La Vanguardia*.

The split is long-standing between Felipe González, the prime minister, and his relatively conservative government, and a more radical wing led by his second-in-command, Alfonso Guerra.

The Filesa corruption case, named after a Barcelona-based consultancy group alleged to have channelled one billion pesetas (£5.7 million) to the Socialists in the late 1980s, has heightened the tension. The Guerra camp insists the party should not accept responsibility for the scandal.

Señor González, with one eye on the Socialist election disaster in France last month, says the party should be accountable to the people. He has already said he is prepared to shoulder responsibility for Filesa and resign if need be.

The party leadership is due to meet on Saturday to decide whether to accept Señor Benegas' resignation. Even if does go, it may not appease those already clamouring for blood. *(Reuter)*

B&Q KITCHENS-
SUPERB QUALITY AT
GENUINELY LOW PRICES

B&Q aim to bring you the lowest kitchen prices in the country. At B&Q now, there's a great offer on the 25 quality kitchens in our Absolute and Banquet ranges. To get B&Q's lowest kitchen prices, all we ask is that you purchase any 3 or more units in one transaction.

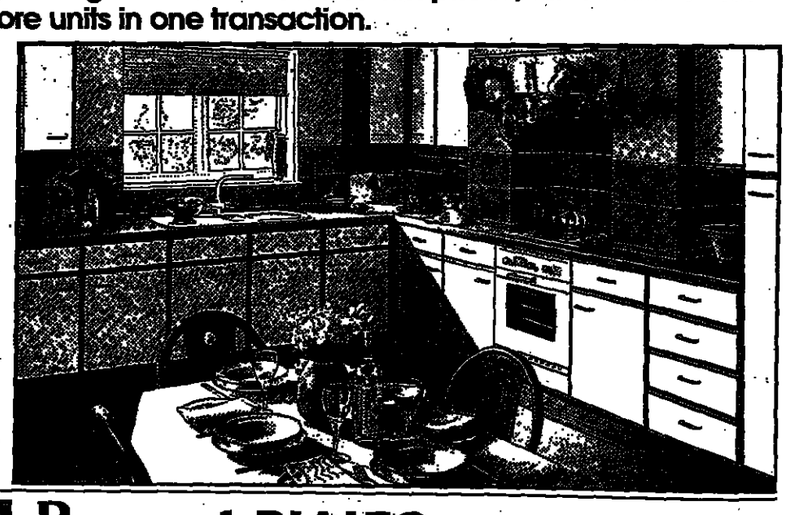
Banquet ASHLEY

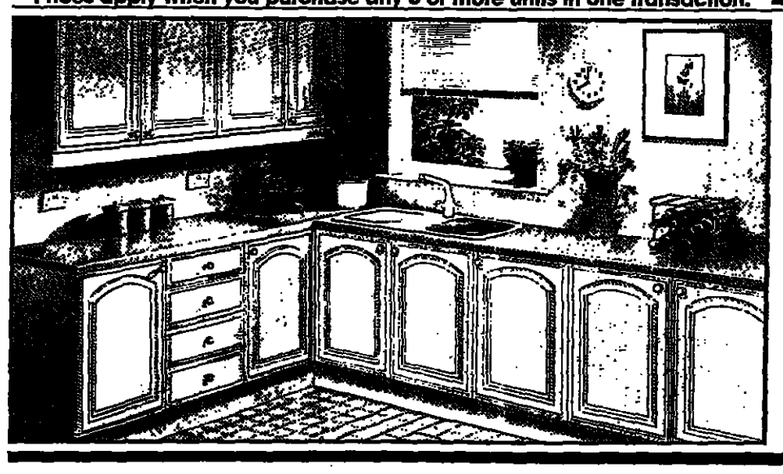
Fresh and modern, with Honey Oak coloured edging and matching timber handles. The doors are delicately finished with a light diagonal paint-stroke effect.

EXAMPLE UNITS AND PRICES

500mm highline base unit £30.44
1000mm highline base unit £33.24
500mm drawline base unit £41.99
1000mm drawline base unit £61.24
500mm wall unit £30.44
1000mm wall unit £33.24

Prices apply when you purchase any 3 or more units in one transaction.





Banquet RIALTO

A stylish modern kitchen. The pure White woodgrain finish is highlighted by simple Grey coachlines, which also appear on the ceramic door knobs, giving Rialto its uniquely classical look.

EXAMPLE UNITS AND PRICES

500mm highline base unit £46.49
1000mm highline base unit £53.99
500mm drawline base unit £68.99
1000mm drawline base unit £89.99
500mm wall unit £46.49
1000mm wall unit £53.99

Prices apply when you purchase any 3 or more units in one transaction.

Plus up to £200 TO SPEND ON APPLIANCES

SAVE £50 on your kitchen appliance purchase when you spend £499 up to £999 on kitchen units and accessories in one transaction.

SAVE £100 on your kitchen appliance purchase when you spend £999 up to £1499 on kitchen units and accessories in one transaction.

SAVE £150 on your kitchen appliance purchase when you spend £1499 up to £1999 on kitchen units and accessories in one transaction.

SAVE £200 on your kitchen appliance purchase when you spend over £1999 on kitchen units and accessories in one transaction.

Spend over £499 at B&Q on kitchen units and accessories and get more than just a stylish kitchen - you'll get up to £200 towards a kitchen appliance. See panel for full details.

EASTER OPENING TIMES. OPEN MONDAY TO SATURDAY 8am to 8pm (INCLUDING GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER MONDAY). Most stores are also open EASTER SUNDAY 9am to 6pm.
B&Q Jersey closed Good Friday. B&Q Isle of Man open 2pm - 5.30pm Good Friday. B&Q Eltham open Good Friday and Bank Holiday Monday 9am - 6pm.

| هكذا من الأصل |

Japan proposes new aid package to boost Yeltsin

By Joanna Pitman and Michael Binyon

■ Tokyo is in a position to co-ordinate aid to Russia. Moscow could receive £20 billion in relief if the plan is accepted

JAPAN will present a three-point proposal for additional joint aid for Russia when it chairs a special meeting of the Group of Seven leading industrial nations whose foreign and finance ministers meet in Tokyo on April 14 and 15. It is a move that should build significantly on the success of the Vancouver summit to boost President Yeltsin.

Tokyo's plan, which is expected to amount to $30 billion (20 billion) in new aid, will callfor $5 billion loans to establish a new International Monetary Fund loan system to shore up capital shortages and smooth the country's transition to a market economy. It also proposes direct financial assistance to foreign exchange earning industries in the energy and agricultural sector and thirdly, a rescheduling plan agreed by the Paris Club of government creditors that will save Russia about $15 billion in repayments due in 1993.

Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese prime minister, hoped that Japan would be able to co-ordinate an aid package that would satisfy Mr Yeltsin. "As G7 chairman, I am in a position to co-ordinate aid to Russia. I hope that after Mr Yeltsin comes here in July, he will be able to say he was glad he went to Japan," Mr Miyazawa said.

In Russia, Mr Yeltsin's supporters, yesterday launched their offensive to win over the largely cynical electorate and secure a decisive victory for the embattled president in the coming referendum. Newspapers, largely sympathetic to the president, made much of his political success in Vancouver and the new involvement of America in supporting reform. They played down the aid aspect but emphasised the new peaceful alliance with Washington.

Mr Yeltsin told crowds in Bratsk, the Siberian city where he stopped over on his return to Moscow, to vote "yes" to the four questions that will appear on the ballot paper. He repeated his contention that there was no alternative to himself to lead the country out of its present difficulties.

Tokyo is reluctantly setting aside the issue of Japan's claim to the Kurile islands, occupied by Russia since the end of the second world war, to co-operate with its G7 partners in supporting Mr Yeltsin's reform programme.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign minister, who met political leaders yesterday in Tokyo, was impressed with Japan's willingness to separate its bilateral problems from the broader economic issues and the summit. He was also satisfied that Japan's ideas on Russian aid coincide with those of Britain and other G7 partners.

However, there are signs that Japanese perceptions are being altered to fit the expectations of its G7 partners and to further Japan's ambitions to play a more prominent role in international affairs. Japan is involving itself in aid proposals to a country which many businessmen, bureaucrats and politicians still judge to be unfit to absorb and utilise it.

☐ **Battles continue:** Tank and rocket battles continued in the mountains yesterday as Azerbaijani forces fought to prevent Armenians capturing Fizuli, a strategic town south of the Nagorno-Karabakh enclave, whose fall would give Armenian forces control of a huge swathe of Azerbaijani territory.

Ill health forces Watanabe to quit

From Joanna Pitman in Tokyo

MICHD Watanabe, the Japanese foreign minister, resigned yesterday for health reasons. He was replaced by Kabun Muto, 66, a former trade and industry minister who takes over the post in time to chair the Group of Seven leading industrialised countries' foreign and finance ministers meeting to discuss emergency aid for Russia.

"Japanese foreign policy is beset with many difficulties and my task will be enormous. I will pursue the foreign policy goals set by Mr Watanabe," Mr Muto said.

The appointment of Mr Muto by Kiichi Miyazawa, the prime minister, is not expected to result in a change of policy. "Mr Muto will provide continuity. We don't expect any strongly individualistic slant," Kaoru Okano, president of Meiji University, said.

Mr Watanabe, 69, has held the foreign portfolio for 17 months and, as deputy prime minister and leader of the ruling Liberal Democratic party's third largest faction, had been considered a candidate to succeed Mr Miyazawa when his two-year term expires in September. His health has been deteriorating since last May when he was in hospital with a gallstone problem. The full extent of his illness has not been revealed.

Mr Muto, a member of Mr Watanabe's faction, followed his grandfather and his father into politics after graduating from the law faculty of Kyoto University. He was minister of agriculture from 1979 to 1980, but the bulk of his foreign experience comes from an 11-month spell as minister of international trade and industry in 1990. For the past two years he was chairman of the party's powerful tax research committee.



Conduct unbecoming: a downcast Sergeant Harry Conde, 33, of the US Marines, followed by his lawyer, Marine Captain Stephanie Jennings, leaves a court martial in Mogadishu yesterday where he had been found guilty of assault for shooting two Somali teenagers. Sentence will be passed later. Conde claimed that he fired a shotgun in self-defence on February 2 because he thought he was being attacked when Ahmed Abdi Omar, 13, grabbed his sunglasses through the window of his vehicle. The boy was hit in the abdomen by buckshot. A 17-year-old bystander was struck in the arm. Belgian troops shot dead two Somalis in a battle in Kismayu yesterday. *(AP, Reuter)*

Mandela admits to ANC role in violence

From Michael Hamlyn in Johannesburg

NELSON Mandela, the African National Congress president, yesterday acknowledged that his organisation was just as deeply involved as any other in the violence afflicting South Africa.

He called for political tolerance and discipline, insisting that if any of his members were proved to have taken part in the violence they would face "the strongest disciplinary action". Addressing a 4,000-strong crowd in Mamelodi, a black township outside Pretoria, at the reburial of a former soldier of the ANC's armed wing Umkhonto we Sizwe, the Spear of the Nation, who was hanged for murder 14 years ago, Mr Mandela said: "I'm not going to blame the IFP [Inkatha Freedom Party] and the government only. We must face the truth: our people are just as involved in violence."

Figures published yesterday show that advocates of peace have gradually managed to bring down the general level of violence in the country, despite recent spurts, especially in the main metropolitan region around Pretoria, the Witwatersrand and Vereeniging (PWV). The Human Rights Commission, an ANC-aligned group of campaigners, said there were only 36 politically motivated killings in the PWV region in March, compared with 276 in March last year.

However, Monday's slaughter of ten ANC supporters at Port Shepstone has halted the steps that were being taken towards a summit meeting between the leaders of the ANC and Inkatha. A preparatory meeting due to have been held yesterday has been cancelled.

☐ **London:** Multiracial elections could take place by September, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, president of Inkatha, told the BBC yesterday. *(Reuter)*

Patten urges China to talk or be ignored on changes

By Eve-Ann Prentice, Diplomatic Correspondent

CHRIS Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, yesterday described himself as a "notorious wet turned Dennis Skinner of the Orient" and made clear his frustration at negotiating over the colony's future with Peking, which has savagely attacked him for his proposals to increase democracy before Hong Kong reverts to China in 1997.

In a speech to the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London, Mr Patten said he hoped the stalled talks could restart soon "in a spirit of sincerity on both sides", adding: "I don't kid myself, any more than does Lu Ping [the Chinese official in charge of Hong Kong affairs] that talks would be a pushover. Talks, were they to take place, would be very difficult indeed. But they would give Chinese officials an opportunity to tell us what they would like to do in 1994 and 1995."

Mr Patten gave a warning that, if China failed to agree to talks, his proposals would be submitted to the colony's legislature for action. "If there are no talks, we shall have to put our proposals to the Legislative Council," he said.

Mr Patten, who is in Britain for talks with John Major and Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, also spoke of the "not very useful abuse" coming from Peking and said he wanted China to hold "rational talks".

Hours before the governor likened himself to Mr Skinner, the Labour MP who is known as the "Beast of Bolsover", the Hong Kong government announced that it had no intention of delaying the democracy bill further. Baroness Dunn, a senior adviser to Mr Patten, said after a meeting of the Executive Council: "The postponement of the bill is not an option, given that we have to have electoral provisions for the elections in 1994 and 1995."

Debate on the bill was postponed last week for the second time since its publication on March 12 after China's vehement objections to it because it did not adhere to previous Sino-British agreements on the transition of Hong Kong to Chinese rule. "Of course, we all hope that the British and Chinese governments will resume talks on the issue, but there is some time constraint," Baroness Dunn said.



Patten: sees himself as Beast of the Orient

Mr Patten has been urged by nearly half the members of the colony's district boards to abandon the bill so as not further to enrage China. The petitioners accused him of "ruining" Sino-British relations by publishing the bill when new talks with Peking were "imminent".

A total of 131 of the 274 members on Hong Kong's 19 local government bodies petitioned Mr Patten, Wong Sik Kong, the group's spokesman, said. He added that only through negotiations could the controversy be solved, and called for co-operation as "vital for prosperity and stability in Hong Kong".

China, which has called off all talks with London since March 12, has said that, if Mr Patten submits his bill to the Legislative Council, negotiations will be impossible and it will be forced to set up a shadow government in the transition to 1997.

Under Mr Patten's bill, all members of the district boards will be directly elected, abolishing the previous appointments to half their seats.

☐ **Peking:** Two armed mainland Chinese, who said they hated communism, hijacked a Chinese airliner carrying 204 people and forced it to fly to Taiwan yesterday.

The hijackers stormed into the cockpit of the China Southern Airlines Boeing 757 on a flight to Peking from the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen. They asked for political asylum and remained in police custody when the plane flew back to the Chinese city of Canton with the passengers and crew. *(Reuter)*

Leading article, page 15

Khmer Rouge told to hand over killer dinner guests

From James Pringle in Phnom Penh

CAMBODIA seemed to be heading inexorably for chaos and renewed civil war yesterday as United Nations peacekeepers, after the most serious incident since their arrival here last year to monitor a tenuous peace, squared off against the Khmer Rouge.

The UN anger was provoked when a Khmer Rouge officer and his men coolly murdered three Bulgarian soldiers after being their guests at an apparently congenial dinner last weekend.

In a letter of icy politeness that only thinly disguised his fury, Yasushi Akashi, the usually mild-mannered UN chief, demanded that Khieu Samphan, Khmer Rouge's nominal leader, hand over the Khmer Rouge killers, commanded by a "Major Don", who carried out the "cold-blooded murder" so that the UN could bring criminal proceedings.

Even as he did so news of another Khmer Rouge attack late on Monday night came through in which a Bulgarian at a guard post near the scene of the previous attack, 44 miles northwest of Phnom Penh, was shot several times in the abdomen, one bullet damaging his spinal column, paralysing him. Two Bangladeshi UN members have also been killed in the past month, one at a Phnom Penh regime checkpoint.

Extra security was installed at the UN headquarters in Phnom Penh, which will be visited by Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, when he arrives here today to witness the start of the UN-supervised campaign leading up to elections from May 23 to 27 — a campaign diplomats say is likely to be violent. Wire fences were being set up atop the existing high walls of the complex, the former French governor-general's residence, and television security cameras installed.

After a series of explosions here last week, reports have spread that the capital is "full of Khmer Rouge", whose leaders, despite signing the peace accords on Cambodia in 1991, are boycotting the election campaign. "All UN military units have been told to increase vigilance," Eric Falt, for the UN, said.

An unreal tableau was being enacted yesterday on the Tonle Sap river flowing through Phnom Penh, as entire villages of Vietnamese houseboats, roped together for security, floated through the capital after the massacre of 46 Vietnamese by Khmer Rouge forces last month. John Leighton, the British officer commanding the UN Navy in Cambodia, said 3,000 Vietnamese had passed through Phnom Penh by last night, joining 7,000 who have already fled.

There is the possibility that Cambodian students, many of them influenced by Khmer Rouge propaganda against the UN, which Khmer Rouge leaders allege is working with the Phnom Penh regime, will stage demonstrations against Dr Boutros Ghali. The UN may decide to fly him from the airport to its headquarters.

Cuban daredevil falls out of favour with exiles

From David Adams in Miami

LESS than four months after becoming the toast of the town for rescuing his family from Cuba in a daring plane escape, Orestes Lorenzo, a former Cuban airforce major, is being vilified over plans to send a floating "Crusade of Love" across the Florida Straits to Havana.

He was lionised by Miami's large Cuban exile community in December when he flew a light plane low over the water from the Florida Keys and landed on a road where his wife and two sons were waiting for him. The Lorenzo family was invited to the White House by President Bush. Former President Reagan invited them to his eighty-second birthday party in Los Angeles, they appeared on American breakfast television and on chat shows. Everyone was struck by the daredevil pilot, his devoted wife and their smiling children.

DisneyWorld invited Señor Lorenzo to lead a parade in Orlando, Florida, for $300,000 (£200,000) he sold the rights to his life story for a television film and he signed a $275,000 deal to write a book. But then it all went wrong.

Mistake number one: the Lorenzos chose to live in the Washington area, spurning Florida because they felt it was too dangerous to raise children in Miami. Miami Cubans might have forgiven him the former, but he followed this up with a long speech at a Miami gala in which he proposed that Cuban exiles reach out to their brothers and sisters on the island in a show of solidarity by launching a flotilla of boats carrying food, medicine and clothing to Havana.

He said Fidel Castro would be embarassed by the enthusiasm of the large crowds that would gather to receive the much needed gifts. From the gesture, Cubans on the island would learn that they have nothing to fear from their capitalist countrymen in Miami, he said.

The idea was an instant disaster. His speech received only polite applause and the organisers of the gala disowned him. Critics charged that the flotilla would play into the hands of Dr Castro's appeals for an end to the American economic embargo against Cuba. The supplies would end up in the hands of the Communist party, not the people, they said.

Radio commentators who had earlier praised Señor Lorenzo's heroism, angrily denounced him, calling him a "cretin", a "traitor" and an agent of the Castro government.

"He should not interfere in this," said Tomas Garcia-Fuste, a popular radio host. "He hasn't even lived in Miami. He is a newcomer to exile and he doesn't understand how we think."

Señor Lorenzo is undaunted. "I'm not surprised. This isn't a popularity contest. I do think the idea is good and I keep the faith."



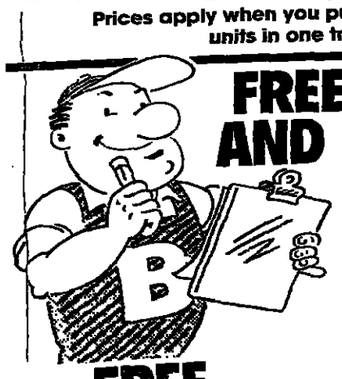
Absolute BYRON

A strong, classical design kitchen, with double-panelled doors in solid, Seasoned Oak which are softened by subtle touches of decoration.

EXAMPLE UNITS AND PRICES

500mm highline base unit £52.19
1000mm highline base unit £80.09
500mm drawline base unit £63.89
1000mm drawline base unit £103.49
500mm wall unit £50.99
1000mm wall unit £77.99

Prices apply when you purchase any 3 or more units in one transaction.



FREE PLANNING AND ESTIMATING

B&Q has specialist kitchen consultants in store to help you plan and estimate your new kitchen. See in store for details.

FREE DELIVERY

When you spend £100 or more. Anywhere in Mainland UK, Northern Ireland, Isle of Wight, Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey.



B&Q

The Home of D.I.Y

Offer applies to self-assembly door and/or drawer units only on Absolute or Banquet kitchens and only when any 3 or more units are purchased in one transaction. This offer excludes the Q-Line range, and all accessories, open end units, midway units, wine racks, pelmets, plinths, panels, cornices, worktops, sinktops, taps and appliances. Offers are subject to availability. All kitchens may not be displayed in all stores but can be ordered from any B&Q. Please allow approximately 3 weeks for delivery.

RING 081-466 4166 FOR YOUR NEAREST STORE.

Matthew Parris asks why we let the tyranny of family and custom ruin the lives of so many women

Invisible slaves on our doorstep

DENZIL McBELANCE



What hope for the future of these pupils at an Islamic school in Brent? Despite secular education and because of religious tolerance many Muslim girls can only look forward to a life of servitude

The most interesting philosophical dilemma to have confronted any British minister in years now faces education secretary John Patten. What should be his approach to Muslim education? "Freedom-lovers" on the right urge him to relax the state's grip on schooling, but should they? I have no answer, and pose the question only to move on from it: for it points us to a hole at the centre of libertarian thought, and a danger for all who see devolution from central government as an almost automatic means of freeing the individual. Small is not always beautiful. Small can be very ugly indeed.

Modern British libertarians have become fixated upon the central state. Here they have something in common with socialists, for one embraces, the other despises, government, yet for both it is an obsession. Libertarians see the state as the great Satan, and its defeat as their salvation. Yet there is a truth they must know they have ducked.

Man, and woman, is not enslaved by the state alone; not persecuted only by laws: not repressed only by statute or constrained only by the police. Some of the most vicious and potent oppressors of individual liberty are to be found in the very agencies which de-centralisers want to empower: family, neighbourhood, parish, community, religion, tribe. Heedlessly to disarm the central state can revive the most insidious nannies and re-arm the deadliest of all repressors of personal freedom: the small units of human government.

> Local opinion, church, mosque or synagogue can flatten individual liberty as much as any law

The libertarian does not call them "government". Nomenclature alone rescues a hundred tyrannies, small and large, from his censure. Yet if government is rule by institution then government they are. Family is the smallest institution and the most potent. What comfort is it to the woman whose housing, marriage, employment, manner of dress and speech — whose whole lifestyle — is ruthlessly dictated from above, that her oppressor is called "family" rather than "government"? For some people there is less escape from family than from the police.

Often linked with family is a network of unofficial institutions associated with what we call "community" whose operation, though it lies outside statute, can be as rigidly structured and more authoritarian. Local opinion, church, synagogue or mosque — these agencies are capable of flattening private liberties as effectively as any Whitehall bureaucrat, and by methods which are harder to monitor. Often they permit no appeal.

Where is the greatest oppressor of women to be found? Is it law? No. Few British laws oppress women but religion and custom do. When the closed shop was protected by law, free-marketeers campaigned to change the law. Their reasoning was that the closed shop was both an economic distortion and an affront to liberty. But discrimination against women is also an economic distortion and affront to liberty. Islam, and the Vatican's attitude to birth-control, would impose upon women an economic as well as a social role. We are talking about half the potential workforce. Yet do we hear the Centre for Policy Studies on the subject of Rome, or Mecca?

Many Islamic countries hardly bother to translate their repression of women into statute. It is unnecessary, so effective is cultural pressure. In socialist Algeria the state was trying to enhance the freedoms of women. With the erosion of the state's authority there, half the country is losing its liberty. On whose side does the libertarian find himself?

In India the caste system creates a pariah class as effectively as apartheid in South Africa ever did: yet the system is enforced largely outside the law. In black Africa the basis for discriminatory structures as unrelenting as they are unacknowledged is often tribe: yet somehow these injustices fail to arouse us. As P.J. O'Rourke has observed, if you want to oppress it is important to write nothing down.

In most of the Spanish-speaking South American countries the English visitor, his eye untrained to distinguish between suntans, may miss the fact that the top half of society is populated almost exclusively by Hispanics and half-castes. You will rarely see a South American Indian in any class above that of peasant farmer or small shopkeeper. They are kept down more successfully than the blacks in South Africa. Their status is hermetically sealed, yet without one word of legislation. Nothing about race appears on the statute book of any South American nation. Nothing needs to. Were the rules visible, campaigners against apartheid would go wild. As they are not, anti-racists are mostly uninvolved.

Enshrining oppression into law can sometimes be a sign that it is *not* deeply rooted in society. Consider the oppression of homosexuals. If you were to look only at the statute book you would conclude that gay men enjoy remarkable tolerance in Spain. Spanish law hardly mentions the subject and the age of homosexual consent is 12. There is no need for law: the church does the job, and (outside the big cities and tourist beaches) an effective job it does. Here the age is 21, and British law is more oppressive towards homosexuals, yet British culture is more permissive. To know which matters most, ask yourself whether you would rather be an openly gay man in an English or Spanish country town.

Recent decades have seen a mushrooming of lobbies and think-tanks founded to resist regulation and advance individual freedom yet, with a few exceptions, such organisations have fixed their gaze on the law. Why? Why is the Freedom Association more hated at the TGWU than at Woking mosque? Why does the Adam Smith Institute turn its gaze always upon Westminster? Why not look the other way down Victoria Street, to Westminster Cathedral?

The explanation, I believe, lies in a mixture of empire-building, laziness and an anxiety to show results. Research and campaigning organisations quickly build up an internal structure within which careers and status are at stake. This grows more true as lobbying grows more professional. Its institutions become like little states. It is a characteristic of governments that they prefer dealing with other governments, and officials from lobby or research groups, when dealing with the outside world, unconsciously prefer to deal with other officials.

Required to tell others, or tell yourself, what you and your organisation is doing, it is easy and satisfying to list the departmental bodies you have met, the MPs you have briefed, and the parliamentary questions you have inspired.

Religions, with their curious recourse to intangibles, are hard to lobby. "Local feeling" is impossible to shake hands with — so why not find the local councillor? The family is unrepresented as an institution — so why not talk to the WI? How can one explain to the board at the AGM that one has engaged in a discourse with popular culture? Better to say one has raised funds in the community, or urged people to write to their MPs.

These days we do things in the name of democracy. If there is oppression it must be blamed on governments, not the people. This protects us from the thought (so undermining to a campaigner's self-belief) that our fellow countrymen might be the problem. Lobbyists seek the support — or even the enmity — of politicians, and the approval of other lobbyists. Then we all know where we are. Scrutinising each others agenda, we drink coffee in each other's offices. We take taxis to Westminster, turning our eyes from the masses we pass in the street.

This week, the 98th anniversary of the arrest of Oscar Wilde, it is worth noting that that is both necessary, and not enough. Wilde's captors were the police. But his persecutors were to be found on the letters page of the *Daily Telegraph*.

Visit Burberrys this week and you could soon be in Paris,

The next time you visit a Burberry store enter our "Travel the World" Competition and your next stop could be one of three exciting destinations in Europe.

For our first prize you could be spending three days, with your partner, in Paris as our guests in the world renowned George V Hotel. There you will be able to visit our Paris store where a complimentary Burberrys Trench Coat awaits you both.

Berlin...

With a second prize of a three day stay for two in Berlin and a third prize of a three day visit to Jersey, one thing you can be sure of is a classic time to remember from Burberrys.

or Jersey.

Whether you are lucky enough to win, or are simply making your own travel arrangements, if you spend over £250 you will receive a complimentary, classic travel gift of the quality Burberrys are renowned for the world over.



Burberrys OF LONDON

18-22 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4DQ.
2 Brompton Road, Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7PB.
165 Regent Street, London W1R 8AS.
39-41 Princes Street, Edinburgh EH2 2BY.
64 Buchanan Street, Glasgow G1 3JE.

Always a good sign.

A curse on Britain's lousy law-makers

The Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA) once suggested that a new government department should be set up whose officials would be dedicated exclusively to the repeal of unnecessary or stupid laws. The British do not take kindly to this sort of wisdom. This, after all, is a nation so subservient to the nanny state that it followed ministers' advice to stay at home during last Friday's rail strike. So what right do batty libertarians have to call for the law-books to be ripped up?

Quite a lot. This has not been a good week for Britain's lawmakers. Last Friday, John Patten and his colleagues at the education department were more than a little alarmed to discover that the draftsmen of the 1988 Education Reform Act had somehow forgotten to include a clause obliging teachers to teach and test the enormous curriculum which it set up. Unions planning to boycott this summer's classroom examinations but fearful of prosecution could hardly believe their luck.

Meanwhile, Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, is launching an urgent review of the 1991 Criminal Justice Act. In its first six months, the law that was meant to make life easier for the courts has done just the opposite. Where clarity was needed, the government has introduced obscurity.

Take the question of previous offences and their role in sentencing. On the one hand, the act instructs magistrates not to take offenders' past record into account. Yet section 29 says, in contradiction, that the "circumstances of other offences" may indeed aggravate a crime. The Home Office handbook to the act is still more confusing. Not unreasonably, the nation's magistrates are complaining that old-fashioned discretion has been replaced by centrally-directed confusion.

To pass one fatally flawed act is a misfortune. But two? That looks like carelessness. The Tories are not pleased with this legislative double-whammy and the search for scalps is already on. But scapegoating avoids the root of the disease. The truth is that the British are lousy law-makers. Parliament may be a wonderful talking shop and a sketch writer's delight but it has become a strangely ineffective legislative machine.

> Loopholes in the Education Act make an ass of the law

Once upon a time, Britons kept such things in perspective. The Anglo-Saxon kings knew that *lex scripta* — written law — was a good way of impressing visiting churchmen and well-educated noblemen but an unreliable basis for running a society. Gruffly spoken proclamations tended to have more impact on warriors brought up on *Beowulf* than chitties warning them to do as they were told. Most of them were in any case too busy feuding to worry about legal niceties — a historic scenario which may ring a bell with today's education ministers.

But an awful lot of laws have been passed since the Normans arrived, as Hobbes's *Leviathan* and Rousseau's *Lawgiver* have joined hands to intervene in every nook of British life. In our neurotic search for neat, written solutions to every social ill, we have forced an ever greater volume of legislation along the parliamentary conveyor belt. Lawmaking has become more important than lawkeeping.

In 1911, the government passed about 450 pages of public general statutes. When Lord Hewart wrote *The New Despotism*, he was appalled that the figure had risen to 1,000 pages between the wars. These days, 13,000 pages is a typical annual yield (so much for rolling back the state). Given this astonishing output, it is hardly surprising that overworked parliamentary draftsmen burning the midnight oil forget such minor details as requiring teachers to test their pupils.

> Where else would an all-night sitting be a cause for celebration?

On average, British statutes are about five times longer and five times wordier than comparable continental laws. While French laws start with a clear, succinct statement of legislative purpose, British courts are left to their own devices to forage through the statutory undergrowth in search of Parliament's intentions. Last year's education white paper, for instance, was a well-written, provocative document which set out a comprehensive framework for British schools. In contrast, the 200-page bill which it spawned — the longest education bill in history — is a prolix nightmare of cross-references and subclauses that had most interested MPs and educationists reaching for their revolvers (or a stiff drink).

MPs may complain bitterly about the hours they work but they also seem to relish the byzantine complexity of the legislative process. In what other civilised country would all-night sittings of Parliament be a matter for joyous celebration as they have been during the Maastricht debates?

Indeed, the more legislation that comes before parliament, the greater the incentive to obstruction and obfuscation. In their filibustering campaign, today's Euro-sceptics have assumed the mantle of Lord Palmerston, whose famous speech during the Don Pacifico debate lasted from dusk till dawn. If there is one thing which British legislators love more than making laws, it is wrecking them.

Meanwhile, the public will be left wondering what the great Maastricht parliamentary pantomime has to do with the future of Britain in Europe and why they have been denied a referendum. Magistrates will ask why their task is being made harder. Parents will wonder why their children are not being tested. And, sooner or later, the IEA's special department will not seem such a crazy idea after all.

MATTHEW D'ANCONA

SPRING GARDENING FAIR 1993



APRIL 8-12 WEMBLEY

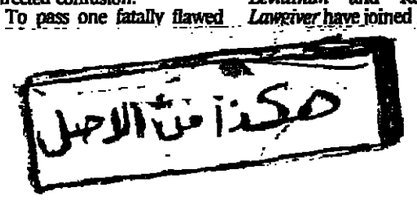
THE TIMES in association with LONDON TALKBACK RADIO 1152 AM

VOUCHER

£2 off a £12 ticket, or Afternoon ticket for £5 (entrance after 4pm to 7.30pm)

THIS voucher entitles you and a guest to buy tickets at £10 each — saving £2 on a day ticket — for the International Spring Gardening Fair 1993 at Wembley, April 8-12.

● Please cut out this voucher and present it on the day of your visit at the Wembley Arena Box Office.



نسخة غير مطابقة للأصل

Smart men know better than to tell a woman she is looking good. Should we be mourning the passing of such niceties?

Don't be afraid to flatter me

Has anyone else noticed that the compliment is dying out? It's a bit late to complain now, I suppose, but we have reached the stage where civilised men do not pay civilised women compliments about their appearance any more — probably because they do not dare.

In terms of causing offence, a well-intentioned, "That's a lovely dress you've got on" is almost more incendiary to a female colleague than a down-right rude "Had a heavy weekend, then?". A smart man keeps his mouth shut in either case. The last remaining verbalised compliment a British woman is likely to receive is "Whorrrr" as she passes a building site. That's our lot.

In the office, the new behavourial convention is that we do not notice how other people are looking. Everyone knows this is a big lie. We've never been *more primed to notice*, to compare and award points to the people who come into our daily line of vision. It's just that it's illegal — or at least, socially unacceptable — to voice our findings. The consequence is that British men are so afraid of *having their heads* torn off that now they will not offer compliments in private, either. Maybe they're just reverting to a safe sort of national inarticulateness. Or maybe it's a kind of retaliation, like not standing up for women on the Tube — why should we have our cake and eat it?

The odd thing is that the outlawing of the compliment has taken place against a sharply rising trend of provocativeness in the clothes women have been prepared to wear to work. What did the ever-shorter skirts and the form-clinging leggings mean? That women were so confident that men wouldn't dare pass comment, that we believed we had entered a kind of sexual amnesty zone? Or that it was a kind of escalating taunt — "Go on, I dare you, *say* something!" The biggest rubbish was the butter-wouldn't-melt excuse that the look was merely a way of women being comfortable. Brinkmanship and power struggle was what it was all about.



SARAH MOWER

But look now — something else is happening. While the young are chucking out their tight black Lycra, the, er, older woman is discovering she doesn't want to give it up. Why? The bitter truth is that she's afraid of losing her last lifeline to that elusive compliment be it only a thought in a male colleague's mind. When an older, more powerful man openly leers at a sexily dressed female subordinate, she can feel compromised, and that's wrong. But when the same man makes a similar pass at a female equal, it's different because she's big enough to know how to field it, and she might — extraordinary thought — even like it.

Thus we hear Anita Roddick complaining that men she meets in business don't fancy her; read Barbara Amiel bending her towering intellect in defence of the short skirt; are astonished to see arch-feminist Robin Morgan (editor-in-chief of *Ms* magazine) lamenting that men and women "don't know how to get it on anymore".

Many "older" — I dare not say middle-aged — women think short skirts and high heels make them look young. But what happens when the young start wearing clothes from Martin Margiela that are made out of the heels of old socks, T-shirts that look as if they've shrunk in the wash and skirts whose hems drag on the floor? If ever there was a Flirt Not look, this is it, and the over thirties sense danger. They know there is a watershed in a woman's life after which she views any compliment gratefully rather than as a sinister infringement of liberty.

What happens is this: for a certain number of years you can dress in your father's holey M & S cardigan, and still get leered at — and you will go pink with indignation about it. Then, one day, much later, you'll pass a building site, hear "Whorrrr" and have to turn round to check: Do they mean me? And, what's ghastly is, you'll be pleased if they do.

Texans sport a unique style. Men favour polyester and women Wild West wear, says **Ben Macintyre**

Rattling about in Texas

Texans are different; not only does Texas consider itself bigger, better, richer, sexier and more American than any other state, but its inhabitants seem almost obsessively concerned with the full-time requirements of just being Texan.

The Texas style is unique: courtly, old-fashioned, rumbustious, tall-in-the-saddle, "*hick with attitude*" and bizarrely infectious. Having just spent three weeks in Waco, the self-proclaimed "Heart of Texas", I know. Y'all.

Partly this is a result of history and size. The state is distressingly vast to European eyes, and largely self-contained.

Most Texans have never seen anyone who isn't Texan; and many, politely but firmly, do not want to. Just as Texas takes up a disproportionate amount of America, so Texans take up a disproportionate area of the country's public life: George Bush, James Baker, Ross Perot, Steve Wyatt, all are Texans first and Americans second.

The Texas style is part cowboy, swagger and brio, and part Mexican grandee, a subtler more arch sort of pride — note, by the way, that George Bush consistently pronounced Sarajevo as if was in Mexico: thus "Sarahevo", with a glottal hiccup on the h.

What you wear is what you are in Waco, Texas, although what you are is also accurately reflected by what you drive and what you shoot. The FBI negotiators, the men and women with the unenviable task of trying to winkle the cult leader David Koresh out of his fortified compound, for example, are unmistakable: they wear caps and jackets with "FBI NEGOTIATOR" written on them in yellow letters.

In Linda's Happy Time Tavern, a cowboy bar on the outskirts of Waco that may once have been an aircraft hangar and boasts some of the town's more exciting brawls, one can observe the Texas style in its native habitat.

Here cowboy boots and hats are more or less a required uniform for men, women and children. Hats are worn indoors, all the time, and baseball caps are also permitted if worn backwards.

Men tend to favour those polyester western shirts with ribbing around the front which make it seem as if you have pectorals even if you have a concave chest. Thumbs should be worn tucked into the waistband of crotch-threatening jeans. On special occasions, such as karaoke night at Linda's, men wear the traditional Texan string tie, held in place with a clasp shaped like a gun or a pick-up truck.

The women clientele at Linda's (in Texas these are Ladies, by the way) also wear dangerously tight jeans, as well as flowing dresses or fringed suits. There is no sexual discrimination in the incidence of tattoos, and hair is usually worn in defiance of gravity.

At the Waco annual rattlesnake roundup, when the people of the surrounding countryside put 50 grumpy "rattlers" in a cage and then irritate them, another fashion item can be observed: knee-high leather moccasins, which prevent the rattlesnakes from biting your ankles as you wander among them. A very large stick is also a good idea.

Waco must be one of the few places in the world where you can still buy adult-sized, striped Osh Kosh B'Gosh dungarees, of the sort usually worn by infants. These are made of some sort of reinforced cardboard, and appear to be modelled to accommodate nappies since there is room in the adult versions for at least two normally-shaped people.

Although it is easy to make fun of, anyone who has ever revelled in a Clint Eastwood movie or found themselves saying "git along little dawgie" under their breath, finds it hard to resist the pull of the Wild West wardrobe.

At the end of the first week of the Waco stand-off, a smattering of snakeskin boots could be observed among the world's press ranged around Linda's bar; by the end of the second, some were wearing stetsons; by the third, still others sported spurs as they mouthed the words to "Rawhide" for the umpteenth time.



IMAGE BANK

Deep in the heart of Texas: although it *is* easy to make fun of, anyone who has revelled in a Clint Eastwood movie finds it hard to resist the pull of the Wild West wardrobe

Beware Female Young Fogettes

Women today cannot be sexy, successful and taken seriously

EMMA THOMPSON returned to London this week and the clothes she loves best. Gone was the glitter she donned for the Oscars: instead, she sported a baggy T-shirt and oversized baseball jacket, with her hair scraped back almost into a bun. Britain's youngish female professionals breathed a sigh of disappointment.

For it is an unwritten rule of the British establishment that to be taken seriously as a young woman you must dress dowdily. For a moment, it seemed as if Thompson might have burrowed under the wire to the glamour of Hollywood. She might have become a genuine siren, might have been a contender — the first example of a successful British women who is taken seriously in her profession but is not afraid of being sexy.

But no. It had to be jeans and a T-shirt for the announcement that she is to star as lawyer Gareth Peirce who helped free one of the Guildford Four. How sartorially correct and how unglamorous. The pedestal for the woman at once sexy, successful and taken seriously, remains vacant. Can you think of anyone both politically correct and sexy?

Working girls in Britain don a dowdy uniform from the moment they decide they want to be succeed. Aged 22, fresh out of college and ponytails and mini-skirts, they metamorphise into middle-aged mummy look-alikes in the office. Skirts drop to a conservative just-above the knee. Hair is scraped back or cut short, glasses are donned if possible (there is a roaring trade in fake glasses with plain lenses). The look is sober, discreet.



RACHEL KELLY

These are the Female Young Fogeys, or Fogettes as they might be known. Examples abound, not just in the ranks of budding executive accountants and lawyers crammed in the Tube every morning, but on television (Sarah Dunant, presenter of *The Late Show*, and Fiona Armstrong, who left the breakfast channel GMTV when her bosses said she should show more leg to boost her F (or fanciability) factor, to novelists (Jeanette Winterson, who soon will look like Doris Lessing) and businesswomen (Pippa Wicks, the 30-year-old finance director of Courtaulds).

In some professions, such as banking, the usually unwritten rules are actually spelt out. At the brokers Salomon Brothers, it is made clear to young female executives that they should wear skirts, not trousers. One Armani pant-suited executive was forced to buy an M & S skirt in a hurry when a senior vice-president spotted her in trousers.

However young such women are, they know that to dress their age will be to risk being taken for a bimbo by male and female colleagues alike. Throughout their twenties, they spend most of their waking and working lives dressing down and unprovocatively, eschewing sexy clothes for a working uniform. They wake up at 28, only to realise their youth has fled.

Secretaries, in contrast, have all the fun. In most offices it is the typing pool that will be first in the fashion contest. Women dress their age, and naturally attract the attention of senior executives as a result.

The danger for the young professionals is that middle-aged dressing will foster middle-aged attitudes. There is already precious little to distinguish them from their older colleagues. They work harder than ever before, often taking on the roles of older colleagues who have been made redundant, while the 1980s housing boom has left many burdened with the millstone of large mortgages. So let dress lead the way.

Discover the secrets of effective company car management.

Get the lowdown on effective, efficient fleet management at The Fleet Show, Britain's unique drive-and-decide fleet vehicle show. The Fleet Show is your unique opportunity to test-drive – around the world-famous Silverstone circuit – all the latest models. There'll be over 120 exhibitors, for expert advice at first hand. Services, finance, insurance, tyres, a wide range of company car seminars sponsored by Lease Plan – for four days at Silverstone by the M-40 or M1. More than ever, it's the Show to see.

Test Drive...
- Ford Mondeo
- Citroen Xantia
- Peugeot 306
- BMW diesels
- Vauxhall Corsa
- Honda Accord
- Rover 600
- and more...

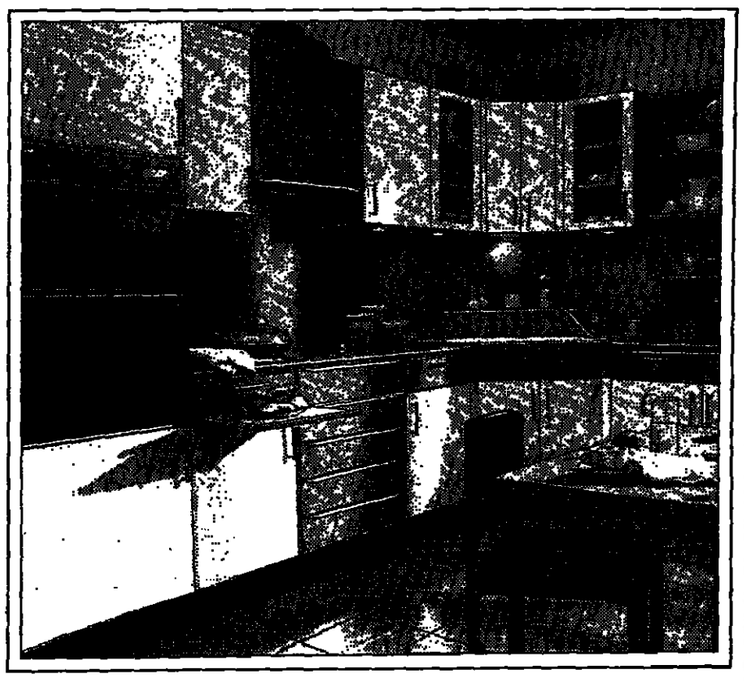
HOTLINE Registration Call 0203 421214 now and you can qualify for free entry to the Fleet Show

The Fleet Show is free of charge to fleet buyers and senior decision-makers. So register now, on 0203 421214.

The Fleet Show '93, Silverstone. Tuesday 20 – Friday 23 April. Open 9:30am to 5pm Tuesday and Thursday, to 4pm Friday, late night till 7pm on Wednesday.

The Fleet Show at Silverstone APRIL 1993 Sponsored by Fleet News

The only compromise we've made



Miele make kitchens of unrivalled quality which express your individual taste and lifestyle. Now, for a limited period, all Miele laminate kitchen furniture will be reduced in price by up to 30%.

is on the price

UP TO 30% OFF

Please ask for more details of Miele's extensive range and colour options, and take advantage of this special opportunity to turn your dream kitchen into a reality.

Miele
Anything else is a compromise

If you would like an introductory range leaflet, please telephone Miele (0235) 540223 from 9.00am – 5.00pm weekdays or (0235) 554488 outside these hours.

ENGLAND
AVON, Bristol
AE Harder Ltd. Tel: 0272 424786
BEDFORDSHIRE, Bedford
Kevintech Domestic Ltd. Tel: 0234 357928/354645
BERKSHIRE, Reading
Modern Kitchens (Executors) Ltd. Tel: 0734 473037
Sunninghill Kitchens, Tel: 0344 28291
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, High Wycombe
The Main Design Studio, Tel: 0494 520624
CORNWALL, Wadebridge
Classellen Ltd. Tel: 0208 813868
DEVON, Sidmouth
Parsons Brothers Builders Ltd. Tel: 0395 514502
DORSET, Bournemouth
Abercorn Main Studio, Tel: 0202 769152
ESSEX, Loughton
Carpenter's World, Tel: 081 508 2861
Burghleigh European Kitchens Ltd. Tel: 0268 743876
GLOUCESTERSHIRE, Cheltenham
Vale Kitchen Studio, Tel: 0242 224404
HEREFORD & WORCESTER, Evesham
Vale Kitchen Studio, Tel: 0386 48498
ISLE OF MAN, Ramsey
Mann Furnishers Ltd, Tel: 0624 815089
KENT, East Malling
H & M Potts, Tel: 0732 840444
Bloomfield Kitchens (Distributors) Ltd.
Tel: 0580 753470
LANCASHIRE, Lancaster
Scott Hornby Ltd, Tel: 052 62 21197
Scarthgate, Halsall Hunter & Sons Ltd.
Tel: 0704 66121
LEICESTERSHIRE, Leicester
K Bowden & Sons Ltd. Tel: 0533 555745
LINCOLNSHIRE, Market Rasen
Wesley Wood Kitchens, Tel: 0673 843767
LONDON,
W2 Connaught Kitchens, Tel: 071 706 2710
SW1 Harrods Ltd, Tel: 071 730 1234
W11 JH Kitchen Consultants Tel: 071 221 0257
W14 Sollridges Ltd, Tel: 071 629 1234
GREATER MANCHESTER, Altrincham
Altrincham Kitchen Centre, Tel: 061 928 5261
Oldham Carrollin Kitchen Studio, Tel: 061 620 4461
MERSEYSIDE, Liverpool
Kitchenstore Studio, Tel: 051 428 5859
MIDDLESEX, Northwood Hills
Mitchell Kitchens & Bedrooms Ltd. Tel: 0923 835561-3
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, Rushden
Peter Crisp Ltd, Tel: 0933 56424
NORTHUMBERLAND, Stannington
Miller Brown Interiors, Tel: 0670 789999
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, Huthwaite
Keith Bowie Interiors Ltd. Tel: 0623 450522
SURREY, Cranleigh
A & A Payne, Tel: 0483 274499
WARWICKSHIRE, Rugby
Warwickshire Kitchens & Bedrooms, Tel: 0788 573488
WILTSHIRE, Chippenham
Carrick Kitchens & Bathrooms, Tel: 0249 653647
Salisbury Joinery & Co. Tel: 0722 335353
YORKSHIRE, Keighley
Kitchen Kraft, Tel: 0535 601854
Sheffield, Granville Regent Designs, Tel: 0742 555555
SCOTLAND
LOTHIAN, Edinburgh
James Gray & Sons Ltd. Tel: 031 225 7381
STRATHCLYDE Glasgow
Maxwell & Gray Interiors Ltd. Tel: 0360 60826
Andrew Thomson & Son Ltd. Tel: 041 429 0208
NORTHERN IRELAND
Co. DOWN, Comber
Hill Trellow Ltd. Tel: 0247 872690
CHANNEL ISLANDS
JERSEY, St. Peter
La Gruneuse Centre Ltd. Tel: 0534 45336

Alan Coren



■ Under the new laws, property owners will have to learn pride of place

Sunday was a very big day for Cricklewood. Sunday was the day Cricklewood got very big. To understand why, we must go back 21 years to the day I bought a house in Hampstead. I had always wanted a house in Hampstead, it would match my painstakingly battered typewriter, it would match my fastidiously wrinkled corduroys, it would match my *amour propre* and my aspirations, it would, in short, set me up a treat for the literary life. More yet than that, Hampstead's osmotic air would actually power that life: sucked into the carburettor, it would produce so rich a mixture with the blood as to ensure a permanent heyday of creativity, I should be able to knock out stuff like that till the cows came home. Keats had lived in Hampstead, Leigh Hunt, Wilkie Collins, Wells, Lytton Strachey, Bennett, Galsworthy, Lawrence, Katherine Mansfield, Stephen Spender, J.B. Priestley, three sorts of du Maurier ... clearly, Hampstead was the literary equivalent of Carlsbad or Lourdes, a couple of lungfuls of Heath oxygen, a quick dunk in the Well Road slipper baths, and writer's block would be cured for ever, you would be able to take up your Olivetti and walk, the stuff would come rattling effortlessly out of it at 100 wpm, and every word a little gem. Added to which, at the close of each day's imperishable chapter, you would be off to any one of a dozen gamey boozers to chew the literary fat over a pint of absinthe with the best and the brightest, no, no, my shout, Kingsley, room for another pork scratching, Miss Drabble?

So I went into this estate agent's in Heath Street and told him I was looking for a house in Hampstead, and he pulled out a lot of brochures, and I peered at the asking prices, and after the red mist had ebbed, it struck me that Keats had clearly had a bob or two, there must have been real money in odes, once, but I did not remark on this to the agent, because there was little about him to bespeak a fan of the anapaest, I merely told him how much the Halifax reckoned I was good for, so he opened a different drawer, and we set off in his Vauxhall, and I said somewhere up near Whitestone Pond would be nice, and he said wouldn't it just, and I said what about the Vale of Health and he said what indeed, but what he actually showed me were not the thing at all, you'd be surprised how much of Hampstead is home to the unswung cat, so I reminded him that I was after something large and comfy, with a back fence you couldn't touch from the house, after which we drove for a while and fetched up at this big brick 1930 number, very nice, I said, if crumbling, yes, said the agent, it has a lot of character all right, plus mature garden, very true, I said, the Matto Grosso suddenly seems juvenile, but I liked the house, it had that feel, and there was nothing wrong with it that a couple of international bestsellers couldn't fix, so I shook his hand and let it palm the deposit (this was 1972, remember, when things went gazump in the night) and when my wife saw it, she steadied herself on the gatepost (I say steadied, they lurched together) but she said nothing because she was eight months pregnant and would have settled for a decent manger, so it was a bit late when I strolled to the end of the street and saw this big sign that said Cricklewood.

"In a sense, yes," said the agent, when I rang. "but it is definitely Hampstead borders. Walk to the other end of the street, you're in Hampstead." "West Hampstead," I said. "Exactly," said the agent.

Very soon, I discovered how tiny Cricklewood was. Being big on the map did not signify; marketing laughed at cartography. When it was not Hampstead, Cricklewood was South Hendon, Fortune Green, Gladstone Park, Child's Hill Village, the Hocroft Estate ... I had come to live in Shibboleth, a point never made clearer to me than when I began writing about it, and my neighbours went beserk, bombarding me with letters headed "Hampstead NW2" insisting that that was where we lived, call it Cr*****w**d and bang went property values, what was I, mad?

But Sunday changed all that. On Sunday, they were faced with shaping up or shipping out; if, that is, they could find any takers. For on Sunday, the Property Misdescriptions Act became law, and at the stroke of midnight, Cricklewood became absolutely enormous. Ask any estate agent.



What Patten should say

As the education secretary prepares to speak to a teachers' union today, its leader, Peter Smith, offers some advice

Parents have a right to ask, now in bewilderment, perhaps soon in angry frustration, what on earth is going on in our schools? After a long, sullen, ceasefire, trench warfare has broken out again between the government and teachers. With issues so complex that the two sides rarely seem to speak the same language, what chance is there that peace talks can start? And if the battle escalates, will the voices of parents and pupils be drowned out, as usual?

Five years ago the government introduced a national curriculum for all state-funded schools. Its purpose was to raise the level of achievement of children by providing benchmarks of attainment through a standard system of assessment and testing for all pupils up to the age of 16.

But now teachers say that a system which is excellent in principle has fundamental design faults. Not only are the individual subjects overburdened with content, but when taken together they dominate teaching, marginalising anything outside the national curriculum, such as second foreign languages. The curriculum, designed by ten educational quantity surveyors in search of an architect, has become unmanageable in the classroom, demanding more time than is available, and intolerably burdensome for teachers, particularly those in primary schools, where testing, if done dutifully, must be done on an individual basis.

Teachers' most damning complaint is that the system, far from raising standards, is actually diverting their energy and commitment away from teaching children and into a bureaucractic Slough of Despond. Their frustration is so intense that some have already begun industrial action and are boycotting the testing and assessment of pupils.

Two of the biggest unions, my own, the Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL), and the National Union of Teachers, will decide at their conferences this week and next whether to ballot their members on a similar boycott. If these unions decide to boycott, then more than three-quarters of the country's teachers will scupper the whole exercise. It will not be possible for testing to go ahead.

John Patten, the education secretary, will today address the ATL conference in Cardiff. Significantly, this is the first major teacher union conference he has visited since he took office a year ago. What should — or can — Mr Patten say today to resolve this destructive dispute?

First, it is important to understand that teachers are not opposed to the principle of the national curriculum. They are not opposed to testing. Indeed the most voiciferous protesters at present are the very teachers who minted the "gold standard" A-levels. They are not opposed to parents receiving regular, reliable information about how their children are progressing.

Teachers want a fundamental, urgent review of the national curriculum, not solely because of workloads but because the government, schools and teachers have a duty and an obligation to produce the best, not the worst form of curriculum for children. As professional guardians of their pupils, the teachers whom John Major has praised for their day-to-day commitment will feel compelled to protest in the only obvious way left open to them.

> The curriculum should be overhauled in its entirety by 1994

Today it is not only teachers, the educational world and critics of the government who are saying that the national curriculum must be reformed. Mr Patten agrees, as do the government's closest supporters and philosophical sympathisers.

Today Mr Patten has to show that he is a big enough man, and a candid enough minister, to accept that the present system is in danger of collapse and must be changed. It will not be enough for him to say that teachers should press ahead with a policy which is attracting universal criticism, while promising piecemeal improvement. For the piecemeal construction of the national curriculum is at the heart of the problem.

The education secretary must accept that changing the system is not a political climbdown, but a sensible way of seizing an opportunity. Yes, his political foes in and out of the teaching profession will sneer and jeer, but those with integrity and honesty will respect such an admission, even though some will continue to disagree with his politics.

Mr Patten should announce today that he has asked the widely-respected Sir Ron Dearing, the chairman-designate of the new Schools Curriculum and Assessment Authority, to carry out an immediate and urgent review of the national curriculum in its entirety, not just subject by subject. The review should be completed in months not years, so that a reformed, slimmed-down national curriculum is ready by 1994. It is a tall order, but it can be done.

He should also announce a pause in this year's system of testing and assessment, and in particular should say that English and technology tests for 14-year-olds will be carried out on a voluntary basis. Results should not be reported in league-table form, since the tests are simply not reliable enough at present for confident comparisons to be made. If Mr Patten does that, the vast majority of teachers would, I believe, continue to work within the new learning framework which the national curriculum has put in place.

At this point some teachers would argue that to ask for testing to be voluntary is merely to demand what the profession sought right at the start of the dispute, when the epicentre of protest was the testing of 14-year-olds in English and technology.

The demand may be similar, but the failure so far of Wandsworth Education Authority to obtain an injunction against teachers already boycotting the tests has radically changed the challenge. What was initially a limited flare-up is now burning as a bush fire and spreading rapidly.

If the boycott spreads, not only will different levels and kinds of testing occur in different schools, making comparisons impossible, but testing and assessment even within schools will fragment. In short, the testing system will have lost the little credibility it ever possessed. That is the new factor which makes it imperative for Mr Patten to call for a pause in this year's programme.

Mr Patten should also say today that this first speech to a major teaching union conference marks the start of a new dialogue with teachers and the organisations which represent them. He must resist any attempt by right-wing Conservatives to blame teachers for a national curriculum which has plunged wildly out of control.

He must announce that there will be genuine teacher involvement at all levels on the Schools Curriculum and Assessment Authority when it is set up. Mr Patten appoints the authority's council members. Teachers simply will not believe him if he claims that he is unable to find even one classroom practitioner from a state school to contribute to its important work. He must also ensure that political thinktankers and headbangers, whether from right or left, are cleared out. It is crucial that the new authority is apolitical.

This may be a nasty, perhaps too nasty, dose of medicine for any politician to swallow. Cynics will dismiss my suggestions as pie-in-the-sky. Mr Patten, a man of deep and declared moral commitment, is more likely than some to think beyond mere political opportunism.

These are the changes necessary if the national curriculum is to be reformed, and, as important, if the political climate in which it operates is to be improved.

In exchange, any holder of Mr Patten's office would be entitled to expect a response from the teachers. They must play their part in constructing a new, fairer and more effective national curriculum. They must work to accomplish the changes they seek.

Teachers must be prepared to accept — as the vast majority already do — that testing and assessing children's performance is not merely desirable but necessary. They must also accept that striving for improved standards throughout is fundamental to any system of education and training, and that there needs to be an effective method of comparison, not merely from one year to the next, but between schools, so as to inform parental choice. Improvements must be more than pious hopes or empty boasts; they must be demonstrable. Parents, taxpayers and voters are entitled to expect that.

The author is the general secretary of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers.

Enforcing peace in Bosnia

Western resolve is better than bombs, says Roger Boyes

David Howell gave us bombs for breakfast yesterday. It was time, he told *Today*, the early morning radio programme, to think about bombing Serbian airfields and to confront Serb militiamen on the ground. If that amounted to a war against Serbia, then so be it.

Now Mr Howell, a senior Tory, is not a natural member of the "something must be done" school: nor does he have any Bosnian Muslims in his Surrey constituency. He is a sensible politician who probably would not know how to hold, let alone rattle, a sabre. It is a mark of the deep frustration about Serbian behaviour that he and other mild-mannered members of the political class are daubing on warpaint. The turning-point was probably the mismanaged American air drops to the Muslims of eastern Bosnia. Why should the world's strongest power be forced to take such desperate measures by a rabble of militiamen blocking aid convoys on the road? The humiliation of the West was complete. Weeks later, the Serbs are still playing with the UN food trucks, the Muslims are in terrible condition, and we are no closer to a solution.

Yet Mr Howell is wrong. The time is not quite right for allied military intervention. Nor is this the moment for Secretary of State Warren Christopher's proposed arming up of the Bosnian Muslims. The Bosnian war actually comprises several conflicts. There is the proxy war between Serbs and Croats, the war for an ethnically pure Greater Serbia, the war between the hill people and the city-dwellers of Bosnia, and countless small wars waged by local commanders for territorial advantage. There is no single solution to a multiple problem. Certainly a military intervention without a political dimension cannot hope to solve anything.

But there is a political framework already in place: the Owen-Vance plan. Mr Howell speaks as if he has not read the text. So for that matter does Mr Christopher. The plan is losing supporters everywhere — in Washington you have to search hard for anybody who regards this as anything more than a dead duck — but the small print contains all the necessary material for an armed intervention, and gives it some sense. There is, for example, a strict timetable for disarming the militias and for silencing the guns around Sarajevo and other cities. Implicit too is the need for a large ground force, perhaps 20,000 men, to enforce the plan. Put together with a thoroughly policed no-fly zone, this is a useful prescription for determined military action. Enough, certainly, to vent the frustration of Western politicians, and perhaps even enough to stop and reverse the Serbian gains in Bosnia.

That is why the Bosnian-Serb parliament has rejected the last bit of the Vance-Owen plan. They, unlike politicians in the West, know that the plan will properly test their military strengths. Bluster about arming Bosnian Muslims does not fool the Serbs. If this were ever approved by the UN, the Serbs would immediately block — and probably attack — all humanitarian aid convoys, since they could be harbouring arms, and Serbia would also invite to Belgrade the Russian arms merchants queueing to upgrade Serbian weaponry.

The object now must be to deploy all political, economic and diplomatic means to persuade the Bosnian Serbs to sign the Owen-Vance plan. The Clinton administration has to shed its overstated anxiety about playing into the hands of Russian nationalists. It is sad that Mr Clinton should have agreed so readily to delay further sanctions against Belgrade at President Yeltsin's request. There are many ways of helping Mr Yeltsin, but sacrificing the people of eastern Bosnia should not be one of them.

There are some steps that should be taken quickly. They may lack the drama of Mr Howell's breakfast bombing missions but they do demand imaginative leadership.

First, the United States and Russia should jointly put pressure on the Serbian president, Slobodan Milosevic, to bring the Bosnian Serb parliament into line. It is an entirely artificial obstacle to the Owen-Vance plan: it has no democratic credentials whatsoever. It does, however, listen to Mr Milosevic.

The West should tell the Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic that it will not accept Serbian capture of any territory allocated under the Owen-Vance plan to the Muslims or the Croats. Any such conquests would be reversed by Western troops on the ground once the Owen-Vance plan is in place. Dr Karadzic has been voicing threats to the West and has suggested that Western intervention would trigger a third world war. Now is the moment for the West to start threatening Dr Karadzic.

Third, the no-fly zone should be enforced even before the Owen-Vance plan is signed. It is not a military irrelevance: it would be the first visible armed challenge to Serbian power, and would be interpreted by thinking Serbs as a portent of future interventions.

A tight schedule of sanctions should be announced. The Serbian economy is now so critical that it could well unseat Mr Milosevic. The old propaganda line that an evil Western conspiracy has been launched against the Serbian people is no longer holding water with urban Serbs. Many are ready to loosen their links with the Bosnian Serbs. For the first time for more than a year, sanctions could have a distinct political effect on the Bosnian war.

Labour's latecomers

A FARCE of Grand National proportions has hit Labour's local election campaign. The party has managed to lose control of one of its councils even before campaigning for the May county council elections has begun.

To the acute embarrassment of the ruling Labour group on Cumbria county council, two Labour councillors have been disqualified from standing in the election in two of their safest seats. The reason? Their nomination papers were delivered three minutes after Monday's noon deadline.

When the papers did arrive at Carlisle Civic Centre, Labour party officials kicked down the office door of returning officer Rod Brackley. But he was unmoved. After taking advice from the Home Office, Brackley ruled that both councillors, Mary Styth and Chris Southward, were disqualified from the election. The Labour group lost its two-seat majority over the Tories without a single vote being cast; as in that other great sporting tragedy, an enquiry is under way.

The man who bears the burden does not wave flags: he is the local agent Ian Aitken, who was entrusted with the nomination papers last Thursday. The investigation will centre on why it took him until Monday, the day nominations closed, to hand them in. Although yesterday he could not be contacted, his colleagues were inconsolable. "There will be blood on the carpet," spluttered one Labour party member.

Southward was close to tears, for the drama has opened up the possibility of a Tory win in his seat for the first time. "I am very distressed about what has happened. It is very unfortunate," he said. In desperation, Dale Campbell-Savours, Labour MP for Workington in Cumbria, appealed tartly to the Tories' better nature. "In an incident of this nature I would have stood down in favour of a by-election," he says. But David Maclean, junior environment minister, is firm: "If they can't even get their nominations in, they can't be fit to govern."

Sssshhh!

JACQUES DELORS' plan to make Brussels more popular should be taken with a pinch of salt. Copies of a report commissioned to help change the EC's bureaucratic image are not available to the public — even though the main recommendation is better provision of information.

After four months' research, five experts drew up proposals to rebuild Europe's image after the Maastricht troubles. Consumer bodies were delighted by their findings and asked for copies of the report, "Reflection on Information and Communication Policy of the European Commission".

But they were refused. "If you want a copy of the report on giving people more information, don't bother asking the Commission either in Brussels or London," says Stephen Crampton of Consumers in the European Community. The Commission had its excuse, however: "There aren't enough to go round. We don't print that many, as not enough people are interested." That's EC communication policy for you.

Staying put, sadly

BAD NEWS for Lord Linley and Michael Caine. The environment department has turned down a Boundary Commission proposal that Chelsea Harbour, where both own restaurants, should be moved from Hammersmith and Fulham to the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

The proposal proved popular among residents, whose council tax bills would be substantially lower in Kensington and Chelsea. Band H, the only band that residents would admit to, costs £980 in Kensington and Chelsea, compared to almost £1,100 in Hammersmith and Fulham.

Lord Linley is not around to express disappointment but Patricia Greenwood, manager of Linley's restaurant, Deal's, was saddened: "It would have been wonderful if we had zipped into Kensington and Chelsea. It would help at weekends when visitors are not regulars and often think we must be in Chelsea."

● *Fallout from the Aintree debacle continued in London on Monday when Charles Wilson, managing director of Mirror Group Newspapers and a former editor of* The Times, *announced pre-tax losses of £84 million. He displayed a copy of the* Sunday Mirror *with a front page which would have brought a smile even to the faces of disgruntled former employees. The headline he hadn't seen? "National Disgrace".*

Against the odds

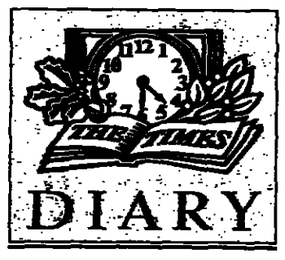
HAVING braved the bombs and bullets of Sarajevo, a group of refugees is risking death for another gruesome ordeal: the Eurovision Song Contest.

A pop group called Fazia will represent Bosnia and Herzegovina in Ireland next month at the contest, competing against Croatia and Slovenia, among others.

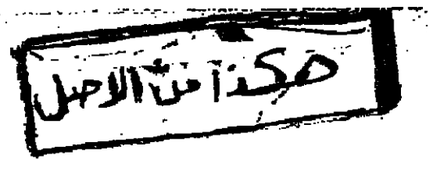
The 20-strong band begged, stole and borrowed the money to make a demonstration tape of a morosely named song, "The Pain of the Whole World". The cash went on black-market oil to power an emergency generator at their makeshift recording studio under a Sarajevo apartment block.

Fazia competed initially against 11 other acts in the sub-zero temperatures of the bomb-damaged studios of TV Sarajevo. Then, in a complex military manoeuvre sending musical scores and tapes ahead, they had to get beyond Serbian lines to the heats in Lublijana in Slovenia. The next hurdle is the strict contest rule that only six of the band can perform the song at the final. Who will get to travel? Perhaps a mediation job for Lord Owen? Or Terry Wogan.

● *First the good news for Neil Kinnock in his pursuit of a career as media personality. Radio 2 has put him forward as its candidate for the "best newcomer to radio" category in the Sony Radio Awards 1993, citing his sterling performance as stand-in host last November on the Jimmy Young programme. The bad news is that he will not be among the winners. He hasn't even been shortlisted.*







إ صكزا من الأصل

MESSAGE FOR PEKING

Hong Kong's timetable for democracy must not slip

Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, has learned more about the art of negotiating with China in nine months than many professional Sinologists absorb in a lifetime. To Peking's increasingly shrill operatics, he has opposed steadiness of purpose, tactical flexibility, and the saving sense of humour which yesterday prompted him to add to China's stock of epithets the image of himself as a "one-time wet converted into the Dennis Skinner of the Orient".

Irony may be lost on Peking: Mr Patten's theme is not. It is a good theme; it is popular in Hong Kong. He must, under whatever pressure from Peking, the "advisers" it has recruited in Hong Kong, or Foreign Office diplomats, stick to it.

Mr Patten's great innovation is to insist that the 1984 Sino-British Declaration is not just "a brocaded frill" to grace Britain's retreat from Hong Kong in 1997, but a binding commitment to respect Hong Kong's freedoms and way of life and its right to "a high degree of autonomy" after 1997. That means, in his view, that Britain has a duty to see that by 1997 Hong Kong has a credible if not fully democratic government elected under procedures which are "fair, open and acceptable to the people of Hong Kong". He has put forward proposals. He is properly prepared to talk to Peking, to listen, even to compromise: but he has not been and must not be prepared to connive at undermining the rule of law or reducing Hong Kong's legislature to a rubber stamp.

Since he put forward his proposals for constitutional reforms last October, Mr Patten has held the initiative. Uncertain how to respond and divided in its counsels, China first, as he says, "played the man rather than the ball" with a campaign of what Mr Patten restrainedly calls "not very useful abuse" aimed at discrediting him in London and Hong Kong. Mr Patten and his reforms retained considerable support in Hong Kong despite this barrage and, in February, the governor published legislation for the 1994 and 1995 elections. China abruptly agreed to talks about talks. These collapsed last month, over Chinese refusal to accept Hong Kong's full participation in the talks, to set a date for them to begin, or even to make the talks public.

Mr Patten has gone a further mile, postponing until April 21 the submission of his bill to Hong Kong's Legislative Council for debate. Further postponement, as Baroness Dunn said yesterday in Hong Kong, is not an option. If legislation is to be ready in time for the 1994 and 1995 elections, it must pass LegCo by the end of its current session in July.

Yesterday in London, Mr Patten repeated his invitation to China to start talking soon, borrowing from the Chinese lexicon to insist that talks must be "in a spirit of sincerity on both sides". But he was less than specific about what he would do if China agreed, only to repeat its successful filibuster over Hong Kong's new airport by dragging out negotiations to derail the electoral timetable.

The Hong Kong government announced yesterday that it does not intend to delay the start of the debate. The July deadline for its conclusion should also be adhered to, talks or no talks. China has had since October to put forward its counter-proposals. Mr Patten's plans still, despite China's onslaught, have the support of two out of three Hong Kong people. He has said that any agreement between Britain and China to change these plans must be acceptable to LegCo and the Hong Kong public. It must also be reached within Hong Kong's timetable, not China's, if "autonomy" is to mean anything now or in the 50 years after 1997.

Mr Patten is in London for consultations with John Major and Douglas Hurd, who should make this absolutely clear to Peking. Mr Patten's timetable is not a negotiating ploy. It is integral to his purpose of managing an orderly transition which protects Hong Kong's vital interests. It cannot be bargained away.

INDUSTRIAL EVOLUTION

Politicians are making slow progress on manufacturing policy

Manufacturing matters: even the prime minister thinks so. Politicians of all parties rue the decline of Britain's manufacturing sector, but none has yet come up with a realistic recipe for recovery. True to form, yesterday's consultative document from Labour — *Making Britain's Future* — is long on diagnosis but offers few plausible cures.

In the early 1980s Britain began to run a deficit in manufactured trade for the first time since the industrial revolution. Not once in the past decade has trade moved back into surplus. It used to be fashionable to claim that services could simply replace manufacturing. Yet services are harder to trade: though manufacturing contributes only 21 per cent to national income, it makes up 80 per cent of exports. A country facing a £17.5 billion current account deficit in a recession therefore cannot afford complacency about manufacturing.

Robin Cook, shadow trade and industry secretary, intends to try out his hotchpotch of ideas on industrialists, financiers and workers over the next year in time to present an industrial policy to his 1994 party conference. The ills are easily agreed — too much short-termism in the City, too little investment, too few successful graduates going into industry — but Mr Cook's interventionist solutions are no panacea.

He suggests, for instance, that hostile takeovers should be made far more difficult. The predator should be forced to prove that the takeover would be "in the national interest"; but Mr Cook does not explain how this is to be defined. A company which made another more profitable by shedding staff and shaking up its management might be considered hostile to the "national interest" because it was increasing unemployment. Equally, such a takeover could be judged to be in the national interest because it made the target company more competitive. To dull the fear of takeover might be a recipe for even more complacency in Britain's boardrooms.

The City is often accused of short-term attitudes that stunt long-term investment and planning. But pharmaceutical companies have thrived in Britain, despite their extremely long-term commitments to research and development. It is up to company managements to persuade investors that long-term investment will pay off. Pension funds should not be forced by law to lock their money into companies for fixed periods. In seeking profits, they are not only serving their pensioners; if they succeed in maximising the returns on Britain's invested savings, they also act in the national interest.

In some areas, government can create a legislative climate that helps industry: Mr Cook is right, for instance, to look at reform of bankruptcy laws and enforcing interest on late payments. Government can also improve the infrastructure of the country, both human and physical. What industrialists want most from government, apart from low interest rates, are better transport links and a better educated workforce.

Intervention, though, is what most politicians secretly hanker after. Michael Heseltine, self-styled president of the board of trade, wants to intervene before every meal of the day, though he has yet to explain to the country what he intends to do. Neither he nor Mr Cook has managed to convince a nation that suffered from disastrous interventionist policies of the 1960s and 1970s that interventionism 1990s-style would be any more successful. The burden of proof still rests with them.

SCHOOL OF MORALITY

Ethical differences are no excuse for abdicating responsibility

Many British adults can remember a time when instructing children in standards of right and wrong was an accepted task of schooling. Fundamental decencies and principles of behaviour were not only explicitly taught but were thought to be the context within which all other learning took place. Because this consensus seems to have broken down, the National Curriculum Council has brought out a discussion document on morality in schools.

The paper's sincerity of purpose is weakened by vagueness. There are few detailed mechanisms for injecting moral conviction into school life. Pupils are to be encouraged to explore deeper questions of personal identity and the meaning of life. They are to be challenged to examine their own behaviour towards others and to justify their conduct in moral terms. Every school will be required to publish a statement of its ethos, to which all of its members would be expected to subscribe. In practice, this will amount to giving parents who are already morally conscientious a chance to locate like-minded teaching staff. Not a bad thing in itself, but hardly an answer to national moral crisis.

While the council reaffirms the stipulation in the 1988 Education Reform Act that Christianity should be given most attention in formal religious education, it also notes the need to introduce other major religions in the community and to treat their teachings with respect. This cautious tolerance is unlikely to satisfy the most vociferous multi-culturalists in education, or the more militant religious minorities. Those who aspire to reconstruct a consensus on moral education must ask whether the fact of a multi-cultural community means that all ethical absolutes must be abandoned. Arguably, the stage was set for moral relativism by the permissiveness which swept through schools in the 1960s. The conflicting religious and social assumptions which multi-racialism brought to the fore in the 1980s seemed to compound a crisis of cultural identity.

The National Curriculum Council and John Patten, the education secretary, have almost — but not quite — taken a stand. In the most discreet and carefully worded terms, they suggest that equivocation will not do: that total moral relativism leads to an abdication of responsibility. But they shrink from the forthright statement that all members of a society must accept the dominant values of its culture. By evading that challenge, they fail to note the encouraging fact that most religions and cultures share a common core of ethical beliefs which could provide a moral basis for education. Nonetheless, this paper does usefully affirm that moral differences are not an excuse for abandoning moral teaching altogether.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN Telephone 071-782 5000

Land blighted by its registration

From Mr Richard Burnett-Hall

Sir, In July 1990, when introducing the provisions for "public registers of land which *may* be contaminated" — provisions which became section 143 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 — Lord Hesketh, for the government, acknowledged that "this difficulty of blight on prospective sale or development requires careful consideration". He went on to say:

Information needs to be available to landowners and to regulating authorities where there are genuine problems concerning safety and environmental hazard. But we have to find a basis for alerting those concerned to the need for further assessment so that the dangers are properly understood and remedied or fears about contamination are refuted on valid grounds.

The only contentious issue at that time was whether the registers would be enough, or whether in addition the *caveat emptor* rule should be reversed in respect of contamination known to the seller (which would bring English practice into line with continental European jurisdiction). If there are to be no registers, that question could usefully be re-examined.

With hindsight, it is a pity that the registers had so cumbersome a title that they almost invariably became called, as they are by Mr George McDonic in his very pertinent letter (March 31), the "contaminated-land" registers, something they were not intended to be. A "register of past uses" covering all the land in the country, the bulk of which would give rise to no concern, would avoid a stigma attaching to registration.

Many of the objections to the registers seem to be based on the false assumption that knowledge of contamination will not otherwise be available, and that stopping them will prevent the value of the property being blighted. It will not, of course — every competent solicitor is by now well aware that potential contamination is an issue that has to be considered when buying land, as it is for anyone financing the purchase.

The absence of registers will mostly just make transactions more complicated and expensive for buyers, although a seller may occasionally be able to pass on contaminated land to an unsuspecting buyer, and the cost consequences to the buyer's solicitors' insurers.

The real problem, which remains to be resolved, is what should be done with land that is contaminated. Without clear clean-up standards, binding on the local authorities and the National Rivers Authority, a would-be buyer or developer of such land cannot establish with any confidence before his purchase what he may have to spend to deal with the contamination.

Even relatively small variations in the standards that he must meet can have a very large impact on the clean-up costs. Without reasonable certainty on this, a buyer is likely to assume the worst, reckon it is too expensive and go elsewhere, which neither helps the seller nor remedies the contamination but prolongs the blight.

There must be compensation from the responsible authorities for the owners of houses on seriously contaminated sites on which building should never have been allowed except with proper remediation. It is a nettle that has to be grasped.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD BURNETT-HALL,
McKenna & Co (solicitors),
Mitre House,
160 Aldersgate Street, EC1.
April 1.

From Mr Jeremy Burrows

Sir, I think that few would dispute the desirability of some form of register of contaminated land which would benefit landowners, potential landowners and developers alike. However, the withdrawal of the government's plans is to be welcomed, as the proposals suffered from three fundamental flaws:

1. The register was to have been of land which had been used at any time for any of a number of "contaminative uses", irrespective of whether the land had actually become contaminated as a result.
2. The register would only have distinguished between land that had been used for a "contaminative use" and that which had not; any potential purchaser of the land would have been unable to tell whether the land was registered for some fairly trivial reason (e.g., it had once been a small boatyard) or due to some catastrophic contamination risk (such as a wartime biological-warfare research installation). This would effectively have blighted all registered land, whatever the reason for its registration.
3. There were to have been no provisions for the removal of land from the register, either because the contamination had been cleaned up or because it was shown that the land had not in fact become contaminated as a result of any contaminative use.

I have little doubt that if the government can produce a proposal for the registration of contaminated land which is free from these three defects, it is likely to be welcomed by all interested parties.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY BURROWS,
18 Marina Court,
Kempston, Bedford.
April 4.

Business letters, page 25

Case for longer custodial sentences

From Detective Superintendent David Doxey

Sir, Once the Lord Chief Justice was seen to add his considerable weight to the growing chorus for an urgent review of the Criminal Justice Act (*reports, later editions, March 22*: March 23), it was predictable that certain elements would raise their voices in protest (letters, March 25).

Comments such as "Doubtless there will be fine tuning of some of the act's provisions" and suggestions that the Lord Chief Justice is irresponsible prove how far distant from reality such people appear to be, but to describe community sentences as being far more effective than imprisonment is ludicrous.

It is high time such people were reminded that our judicial system carries responsibility for individuals in our society other than criminals. Victims of crime are not afforded true consideration by many, outside of the police and victim-support agencies. They tend to receive lip service and are consistently patronised. They are regarded as a necessary component part of crime.

Many of them suffer quite outrageously at the hands of evil men, who now enjoy unprecedented levels of protection from the law. Witnesses are now more likely to decline assistance to the police and the judicial system, because intimidation, threats and violence are winning the battle against the rule of law.

If the police and the courts become so ineffective that the public lose confidence in our system then, inevitably, those who are able will resort to other measures. The old, the young and the vulnerable have little alternative — they will simply continue to endure the gross unfairness of a system unevenly loaded against them.

The public need is to live in peace and tranquillity, free from the insidious fear of violence, burglary and theft. If, to achieve that objective, we must lock up the evil for longer periods, then let us resolve to get on with it — and the sooner the better.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID DOXEY,
Derbyshire Constabulary,
Butterley Hall, Ripley, Derbyshire.
March 29.

From Mr A. J. G. Heath

Sir, As a probation officer, I think the Lord Chief Justice's criticism of the new Criminal Justice Act's restrictions on judges' sentencing powers are more than justified. Prison should indeed be a last resort but not to the point when many serious offences seem to be followed by absurdly light penalties.

Probation orders and other community penalties cannot really be seen as a major deprivation of liberty — they are nothing of the kind.

The Chair of the Association of Chief Officers of Probation repeats (*letter, March 25*) the familiar notion that "the more often someone is sent to prison, the more likely he or she is to become a persistent offender".

This may be true for some but most offenders are young men who eventually seem to grow out of it. A custodial sentence, "learning the hard way", is often part of this maturing process when everything else has been tried and has failed.

Part of the problem is that the government wants to save money by sending fewer people to prison and then releasing them much sooner than before. This would be fair enough if at the same time highly supportive after-care hostels (which many offenders need) were not going to be starved of money through having to apply to struggling local authorities for top-up funding.

Yours sincerely,
A. J. G. HEATH,
Inner London Probation Service,
103 Tierney Road, SW2.

Treatment of ulcers

From Dr K. G. Wormsley

Sir, You report (March 24) that a consultant gastroenterology specialist has claimed that nine out of ten ulcer patients in the UK are being given the wrong treatment and are suffering unnecessarily.

I cannot agree with this claim. I know of no evidence directly linking *Helicobacter pylori* (stomach bacterium) infection with the cause of ulcer disease, or gastric cancer.

Secondly, the treatment of ulcers with combinations of drugs has not been satisfactorily and objectively assessed for more than a year or two. Standard treatment with gastric inhibitory drugs has been shown to restore normal health to ulcer patients, provided the treatment is continued.

So much is this the case that in Tayside, where this type of treatment has been used continuously for more than ten years, it has been possible to satisfactorily treat individuals with ulcer disease and to markedly decrease hospital admissions, ulcer complications such as bleeding, anti-ulcer operations and death from ulcer disease.

These results are a triumph of therapy, both for individuals and for the population of this part of Scotland.

Yours etc,
K. G. WORMSLEY,
60 Bay Road, Wormit, Fife.
March 31.

Mubarak's Egypt

From the Secretary General of the Islamic Council

Sir, The interview which President Mubarak of Egypt gave to your Foreign Editor (April 2) should not be allowed to pass without comment or without your readers being offered an alternative exposition of what is happening in Egypt.

President Mubarak's adherence to the law and his attempts to teach the people that democracy and the rule of law are stronger than dictatorship sound laudable but, sadly, the truth is very different.

Since taking office in 1981, President Mubarak has not ruled for one single day without recourse to emergency laws. Tens of thousands have been arrested, many held without trial, incommunicado, without access to lawyers, family or medical treatment.

In many cases, if the accused have been brought to trial, if acquitted by the courts they have been routinely rearrested by the security forces. Torture is common. All this is well documented by, for example, Amnesty International, one of whose reports (October 1991) is entitled *Egypt: Ten Years of Torture*.

To understand what is happening in Egypt today the question that must be asked is who started the campaign of violence? Who is responsible for oppression of the people, for arbitrary arrests of those whose only "crime" is to have the courage to speak their minds against unpopular government policies and to stand up for their basic human rights?

Recently, a mosque in Aswan was surrounded by police who opened fire on innocent worshippers killing at least 14 and wounding many others. There are many such happenings. For President Mubarak to compare the current situation in Egypt favourably to that in Britain is an insult to Britain.

It is also astonishing that the president had not heard of Sheikh Abdel Rahman "until I saw him on CNN". He was a defendant (acquitted, incidentally, and subsequently routinely rearrested — the reason he left Egypt) in the most important trial to take place in modern Egypt and featured daily on the front pages of all Egypt's newspapers.

President Mubarak states that his government is strong, a cornerstone in the area and has the support of the whole country. In which case why his resort to emergency laws, special and military courts and arbitrary arrests?

Yours faithfully,
SALEM AZZAM,
Secretary General,
Islamic Council,
16 Grosvenor Crescent, SW1.
April 2.

Punishing children

From Mr Martin J. Miller

Sir, District Judge P. G. Hebbert wonders (letter, April 1) if there is any way of punishing children without injuring their dignity. Having spent most of my formative years subject to corporal punishment, I must stress that the last thing that was injured was my dignity.

I remain, Sir, your disobedient pupil,
M. J. MILLER,
114 Park Road,
Prestwich, Manchester 25.
April 2.

Customers' revolt

From Mr John du Bois

Sir, Rather than revert to the term "passengers", in a privatised British Rail, why not "travellers"? This would reflect the image of adventure Mr Wilder (letter, March 30) desires.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN du BOIS,
3 The Old Slipway, River Road,
Arundel, West Sussex.
March 30.

Not buying British

From Mr S. B. Tress

Sir, At last a voice is raised against British Airways' rejection of Rolls-Royce engines (Mr R. H. Asserson's letter, March 26). Unfortunately instances of companies putting their own profit before the nation's interest are all too common.

I was never able to understand why the British-built QE2 was allowed to go to a German yard for refit and later repair. I understand that the new Severn Bridge will use Italian steel; and that the proposed London Underground extension may use non-British electronic signalling equipment.

Should not directors of companies which persist in un-British activities have any British honours which they may hold withdrawn?

Yours sincerely,
S. B. TRESS,
34 Shelley Gardens,
North Wembley, Middlesex.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Whose fault was National fiasco?

From Colonel A. H. N. Reade

Sir, Before both false starts to the Grand National the starter repeatedly ordered jockeys to get their horses' heads back from the tape. On both occasions it appears that the tape was hindered from rising because this instruction had not been obeyed. Amid all the recriminations no blame has been attached to the jockeys.

In a race over four-and-a-half miles the frantic desire to gain a foot or two at the start is hard to understand. The starter does not press the release lever until the tape is clear. However, there is inevitably a time lag between the decision being made and the primitive mechanism completing its function.

If all the riders had sufficient common sense and control of themselves and their horses to keep back a yard or so, neither of these false starts would have occurred.

With 39 excited horses, the same number of adrenaline-charged riders, a gale blowing and a noisy crowd, the Jockey Club ruling that the horses' heads can be right up to the tape before the start seems an obvious recipe for disaster, and so it proved.

To blame the starter when a few riders were unwilling or unable to obey his clear and repeated instructions is illogical.

Yours faithfully,
DAN READE,
The Old Post House, Ipsden,
Wallingford, Oxfordshire.
April 5.

From Mr D. L. Ormerod

Sir, The comments of much of the press and those of the public whose voice we have heard following the unfortunate incident at Aintree last Saturday have highlighted one of the least attractive characteristics of the British people, namely their propensity to profess to know how to run other people's affairs better than those who have the specialist experience and the responsibility for the enterprise concerned.

It is significant, however, that the wisdom of the critics invariably has the advantage of being declared after the event.

Perhaps in this Holy Week people might allow themselves a little humility. They might also give credit where credit is due: many years of trouble-free Grand Nationals and other national hunt races for example.

Yours faithfully,
D. L. ORMEROD,
Kirkbank House,
High Halden, Kent.
April 6.

From Mrs Jill James

Sir, One of the most glaring faults on Saturday seemed to be the lack of anyone from the Jockey Club to make some kind of statement to the crowds on the course and to the millions watching on TV.

Surely an apology and a plea for calm and order, with the promise of a statement as soon as possible by someone in authority, was a priority and would have tempered the total bewilderment of all who were watching and waiting.

Yours faithfully,
JILL JAMES,
Fitzroy House,
Norton Fitzwarren,
Taunton, Somerset.
April 5.

From Mr A. M. Dunner

Sir, Whilst all the Grand National punters are breathing a sigh of relief at having been assured that their bets will be returned, the bookmakers will have made a fortune in interest earned on these moneys, which they will of course be keeping.

Faithfully,
A. M. DUNNER
(Executive Director),
National Association
of Bank Monitors,
130 George Street, W1.
April 4.

From Mr Richard Barber

Sir, Simon Barnes is quite right ("Past masters of the blame game", April 6): let's have the sort of progress in the organisation of the National that the rest of Britain has experienced. Out with the old "oligarchy that used to run Britain", I say, and in with the Kevins of this world.

The race could even be moved from Aintree to Braintree, where most of them live.

Yours etc,
RICHARD BARBER,
Greenside, Tresco, Isles of Scilly.

From Mr A. A. Foster

Sir, Have we seen the first recorded example of horses being led by donkeys?

Yours faithfully,
ALAN FOSTER,
Cornerhouse, 54 Vernon Road,
Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.

From Mr S. W. Allen

Sir, I neither owned, trained nor backed any horse in the race, but never have I been so enthralled by 20 minutes of sporting television. It more than made up for neither team sinking in the Boat Race.

Yours faithfully,
S. W. ALLEN,
Bayona, 22 Keepers Lane,
Codsall, Wolverhampton.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 6: The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this afternoon opened the renovated premises of Windsor Methodist Church and was received by the Lord-Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire (Mr John Henderson) and the Minister (the Reverend James Booth).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness attended a Service of Dedication and afterwards toured the redeveloped premises.

The Queen later unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Lady Abel Smith, Mr Robin Janvrin and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

By command of The Queen the Viscount Long (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening upon the arrival of The King and Queen of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and welcomed Their Majesties on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 6: The Duke of York this evening attended the Young Electronic Designer Awards Ceremony, the Science Museum, South Kensington, London SW7.

Captain Rupert Maitland-Titterton was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 6: The Princess Royal this morning attended the National Federation of Women's Institutes and National Farmers' Union Conference on "Caring in the Countryside", the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes).

Her Royal Highness, Chancellor, University of London, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurence RN, this evening attended the Conference of Registrars and Secretaries Conference Dinner, King's College London, Strand, London WC2.

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 6: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this morning named an InterCity Class 90 Locomotive "The Girls' Brigade" at Euston Station to mark the centenary of the Girls' Brigade of which Her Majesty is Patron.

Dame Frances Campbell-Preston and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

Ruth, Lady Fermoy has succeeded Dame Frances Campbell-Preston as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 6: The Prince of Wales today gave a luncheon to discuss forestry matters.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 6: The Princess of Wales today attended the Health of the Nation Conference on mental health, the West Yorkshire Playhouse, Leeds, and was received by Mr David Fearnley (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of West Yorkshire).

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 6: The Duke of Kent, Colonel, the Scots Guards and Patron ALP 4000, this afternoon met members of the Scots Guards ALP 4000 Climbing Team at the Foundation of the Study of Infant Deaths, 35 Belgrave Square, London SW2.

Captain the Honourable Tom Coke was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this morning took the Lord High Admiral's Divisions at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, Devon.

Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell was in attendance.

Tomb details still fresh after 3,500 years

BY MIKE MURPHY

BRITISH and Dutch archaeologists working at Saqqara, the necropolis of Memphis, Egypt's ancient capital just south of the Pyramids of Giza, have uncovered and partly restored the tomb of an official of the time of Tutankhamun which retains much of its detail fresh as the day it was created 3,500 years ago.

The joint excavation of the Egypt Exploration Society (London) and the University of Leiden (Netherlands), is in its nineteenth season; over the years it has excavated and published the tombs of some of the great administrators and others who governed Egypt in the 13th and 14th centuries BC.

The newly-discovered tomb of Iniuia, scribe of the treasury of silver and gold, overseer of the cattle of the god Amun and high steward, is a small mud-brick structure with a forecourt, inner courtyard, cult chapel and side chapel. Over the cult room was a small mud-brick pyramid, much of which survives. The side-chapel, which is vaulted in mud-brick, retains part of its painted decoration on plaster, a technique not usually associated with tombs in the Saqqara necropolis. Iniuia is shown worshipping the gods, and there are scenes depicting fish and bird life along the Nile.



Newly unearthed: sculptured relief block showing Iniuia (seated) and his wife at an offering table

Several finely carved relief blocks showing the tomb-owner and his family, and two stelae, were found in the excavations. These, together with pieces which were found at Saqqara last century and now housed in museums, will allow the team to recreate the original scheme of decoration.

Two sons of Iniuia are named in the tomb. Both were scribes in the treasury of the temple of the Aten, one of a number of major shrines to the sun-god built by the "heretic" pharaoh Akhenaten, who closed down the ancient cult temples.

Professor Geoffrey Martin of University College London, director of the expedition, said he hopes that future excavation in the area will shed more light on the fate of the Aten temple in Memphis, which was destroyed during the reign of Tutankhamun.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.R.R. Ashby and Miss A.J. Wootton
The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr Brian R. Ashby, of The Barbican, London, and Mrs Sandy Ashby, of Wendover, Buckinghamshire, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Barry Wootton, of Rayne, Braintree, Essex.

Mr J.G.E. Bartholomew and Miss T.N. Overton
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Bartholomew, The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs P.G.E. Bartholomew, of Winfrith Newburgh, Dorset, and Tania, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.S. Overton, of Corfe Castle, Dorset and Hong Kong.

Mr T.B. Cockroft and Miss C.J. Male
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Cockroft, of Arborfield, Berkshire, and Charlotte, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Male, of Kinsbourne Green, Hertfordshire.

Mr I.S.F. Gore and Miss S.E. Frizzell
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs Charles Gore, of Portnis Mine, Taynuilt, Argyll, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Frizzell, of Chuffs House, Holyport, Berkshire.

Mr P.D. Pryor and Miss M.R. Palmer
The engagement is announced between Peter David, son of Mr and Mrs Roderick Pryor, of Weston, Hertfordshire, and Melanie Ruth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Palmer, of Holland Park, London.

Mr A.J. Roberts and Miss S.E-J. Rees
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs L.J. Roberts, of Willersley, near Broadway, Worcestershire, and Emily, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs H.E.G. Rees, of Barrowden, Rutland.

Mr S.A. Talbot-Williams and Miss M.L. Scott
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Group Captain and Mrs Anthony Talbot-Williams, of Beercrocombe, Somerset, and Lucinda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Scott, of Sutton-cum-Lound, Nottinghamshire.

Mr H. Urban and Miss N. Kaindl
The engagement is announced between Helmut, son of Mr and Mrs Ernst Urban, of Vienna, Austria, and Nathalie, daughter of Mrs Susanne Kaindl, of Vienna, Austria.

Mr A.P. Winterson and Miss M. Mauel
The engagement is announced between Alexander, elder son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Winterson, of Barton, Cambridge, and Monika, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs Mauel, of Cologne. The wedding will take place in Cologne on May 29.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: St Francis Xavier, Jesuit missionary, Navarre, Spain, 1506; John Elwes, miser, Westminster, 1714; Charles Burney, musicologist, Shrewsbury, 1726; William Wordsworth, Poet Laureate 1843-50, Cockermouth, Cumbria, 1770; Francois Marie Charles Fourier, socialist writer, Besançon, France, 1772; Sir Francis Chantrey, sculptor, Northon, Derbyshire, 1781; Jens Peter Jacobsen, poet and novelist, Thisted, Jutland, 1847; Randall Thomas Davidson, Baron Davidson of Lambeth, Archbishop of Canterbury 1903-28, Edinburgh, 1848; Bronislaw Malinowski, anthropologist, Kraków, Poland, 1884; Gabriela Mistral, poet, Nobel laureate 1945, Vicuna, Chile, 1889; Sir David Low, political cartoonist, Dunedin, New Zealand, 1891; Billie Holiday, jazz singer, Baltimore, Maryland, 1915.

DEATHS: King Richard I, reigned 1189-99, Chalus, France, 1199; Sir William D'Avenant, Poet Laureate 1638-68, London, 1668; St Jean Baptiste de La Salle, founder of the Christian Brothers, Rouen, 1719; Dick Turpin, highwayman, executed, York, 1739; William Godwin the Elder, philosopher, 1836; Phineas Barnum, showman, Bridgeport, Connecticut, 1891; Henry Ford, car manufacturer, Dearborn, Michigan, 1947; Theda Bara, silent film star, Los Angeles, 1955; Jim Clark, world champion racing driver, killed in an accident, Hockenheim, Germany, 1968.

Mount Vesuvius erupted, 1906.

WHO, the World Health Organisation, was established, Geneva, 1948.

Latest wills

Mr William Arthur Stephenson, of Leasingthorne, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham, left estate valued at £814,131 net.

Mary Joy Kingsley Kay, of Rhos on Sea, Clwyd, and formerly of Deganwy, Gwynedd, left estate valued at £3,397,289 net.

Dr Donald Wallace Adamson, of Clifton, Bristol, director of research for the Wellcome Foundation 1953-77, left estate valued at £214,405 net.

University news

Oxford
University prizes
George Webb Medley Junior Prize 1992: jointly to: Robin A de B Jarratt, Merton College, and Lucy M White, St John's College.

Upjohn Prize in Pathology 1993: Anne R Kinderlerer, Lady Margaret Hall College. Proxime accessit: Goergina Walker, Keble College.

Professor Christopher F. Higgins, Fellow of Keble College and Principal Scientist, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Institute of Molecular Medicine, Oxford, has been appointed the university's Professor of Clinical Biochemistry.

Furniture Makers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Furniture Makers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr Brian Perring; Senior Warden, Mr Raymond Leigh; Junior Warden, Mr Alan Alston.

Birthdays today

Mr Dennis Amiss, cricketer, 50; Viscount Brentford, 60; Miss Freida Brilliant, sculptor, 85; Mr Francis Ford Coppola, film director, 54; Mr Luca Cumani, racehorse trainer, 44; Professor Graeme Davies, former vice-chancellor, Liverpool University, 56; Professor D.R. Denman, land economist, 82; Mr Peter Fluck, satirist and puppeteer, 52; Sir David Frost, broadcaster, 54; Mr F.L. Garner, former chairman, Pearl Assurance, 73; Mr James Garner, actor, 65; Lord Glendevon, 81; Dr Terence Harrison, chief executive, Rolls Royce, 60; Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur Hezlet, 79; Mr D.N. Ireland, headmaster, Loughborough Grammar School, 57; Mr Gorden Kaye, actor, 52; Mr Martyn Lewis, broadcaster, 48; Mr Cliff Morgan, former Head of Outside Broadcasting, BBC Television, 63; Mr Arthur K. Potter, Indian civil servant, 88; Mrs Jane Priestman, former director, architecture and design, British Rail, 63; Mr Ian Richardson, actor, 59; Mr Andrew Sachs, actor, 63; Pandit Ravi Shankar, sitar player, 73; Group Captain Mary Shaw, former director, PMRAFNS, 60; Miss Alison Shrubsole, former principal, Homerton College, 68; Mr David J. Williams, chief constable, Surrey, 52.

Royal engagements

The Duke of Kent, as President of the AA, will attend a committee meeting at Fanum House, Basingstoke, at 9.55.

The Duchess of Kent will visit Newhaven lifeboat station and yacht club at The Anchorage, Chyngton Way, Seaford, at 12.30; will visit Shoreham Harbour lifeboat station, New Wharf, Brighton Road, Shoreham, at 2.45; and Littlehampton lifeboat station, Harbour Office, Pier Road, Littlehampton, at 4.00.

Builders Merchants'

The following have been elected officers of the Builders Merchants' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr M. Pares; Senior Warden, Mr A.B. Castledine; Junior Warden, Mr R.H. Cope.

Appointments

Mr Peter Purton to be Chairman of the Wine Standards Board of the Vintners' Company in succession to Mr Henry Hawksley who is retiring.

Jack Brymer to be president of the Incorporated Society of Musicians in succession to Gillian Weir. Dr Philip Ledger to be president-elect.

Hugh Arbuthnott to be ambassador to Denmark in succession to Nigel Williams, who is to be the UK permanent representative to the office of the United Nations and other international organisations at Geneva. Mr Arbuthnott is at present ambassador to Portugal. Mr Williams, who will hold the personal rank of ambassador, succeeds M.R. Morland who is retiring.

The Royal Society of Edinburgh

Sir Alastair Currie, President of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, was host at the Triennial Dinner of the RSE at the Bute Hall, University of Glasgow, on Friday, April 2. This is the first time this dinner has been held outwith Edinburgh. Nobel Prize winner, Sir James Black, FRS, an Honorary Fellow, was the principal speaker at the dinner, attended by 140 Fellows and Guests.

Among other Honorary Fellows present were Sir Michael Atiyah, President, Royal Society of London, and Sir Alec Cairncross, Chancellor, University of Glasgow. Present among the invited guests were, Mr W. Baillie (President, the Royal Scottish Academy), Mr George Burnet (Chairman, Caledonian Research Foundation), Mr J S Fairbairn (Chairman, The Esmee Fairbairn Trust), Sir Russell Hillhouse (Permanent Under Secretary, Scottish Office), Sir Richard Wakeford (Chairman, The MacRobert Trust), Mr G R Wilson (Secretary, The Scottish Office Education Department).

Of the 100 Fellows present, Dr P Bacsich, Dr C.A. Beevers, Dr J. Berry and Sir Ian Fraser, have been Fellows of the Society for more than 50 years.

Memorial service

Mr James Osborne
A memorial service for Mr James Osborne was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated. Miss Virginia McKenna read the lesson and Mr Jimmy Tarbuck gave an address.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Raymond Williams, Incumbent (stipendiary): South Mymms, King Charles the Martyr: to be Incumbent (non-stipendiary), South Mymms, King Charles the Martyr (St Albans).

The Rev David Wilmot, Chaplain, Oaklands College of Further Education, and Assistant Priest, St Peter's, St Albans (St Albans): to be Vicar, Milton St Philip and St James (Lichfield).

The Rev David Wotton, Priest-in-charge, St Mary, East Molesey: to be Rector, St Mary the Virgin, Headley w Box Hill (Guildford).

The Rev Ann Wren, Deacon, Bensham Team Ministry and Bishop's Adviser for Women's Ministry (Durham): to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral (Durham).

The Rev Dr Guy Yould, Chaplain, St Mary's School, Wantage (Oxford): to be Rector, Chapel Chorlton, Maer and Whitmore (Lichfield).

Resignations and retirements
The Rev Canon David Bartle, Priest-in-charge, Roxwell and Diocesan Director of Ordinands (Chelmsford): to retire as from July 31, when he will be appointed Canon Emeritus of Chelmsford Cathedral.

The Rev Keith Culverwell, Vicar, Leicester St Chad (Leicester): to resign as from August 31, and take study leave.

The Rev Geoffrey Good, Vicar, Thornes (Wakefield): to retire as from May 31.

The Rev Canon Peter Goode: to resign as Rural Dean of Brentwood (Chelmsford), from May 18.

The Rev Leonard Hancock, Rector, Loughborough All Saints and Holy Trinity (Leicester): to retire as from 31 May.

The Rev Canon Patrick Kent, Vicar, Cockerton, and an Honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral (Durham): to resign as from August 31.

The Rev Maurice Kirby, Vicar, St Mary the Virgin, Frensham (Guildford): to retire as from April 30.

The Rev David Lumb, Vicar, Southminster, St Leonard (Chelmsford): to retire as from July 22.

The Rev Canon Richard Marriott, Rector, Chingford, Saints Peter and Paul (Chelmsford): to resign as from April 30.

The Rev Canon Zolile Mbali, Assistant Priest, St Denys, Bishop's Adviser on Community Relations and an Honorary Canon of Leicester Cathedral (Leicester): to resign as from May 17; he is returning to South Africa.

Royal chaplains

The following have been appointed to be Chaplains in the Queen's Household:

The Rev Canon Sehon Sylvester Goodridge, Principal of the Simon of Cyrene Theological Institute, in the room of the Rev Canon George Alastair Elcoat, retired.

The Rev John Phillips Robson, Chaplain of the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, in the room of the Very Rev Derek Norman Hole, resigned.

The Rev Canon John Alexander Stanley, Vicar of Huyton, in the room of the Rev Canon Richard Colin Craston, retired.

Dinners

Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. The Earl of Caithness, Mr J.G. Beaumont, Captain A.N. Cockroft, Dr Alan Roberts and Professor Ray Thompson also spoke.

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain
Mr David Coleman, President of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, presided at a dinner held last night at 1 Lambeth High Street. Professor Michael Rawlins, Chairman of the Committee on Safety of Medicines, also spoke.

TEL: 071 481 4000 PERSONAL COLUMN FAX: 071 481 9313

This is what you must do: speak the truth to each other; administer true and sound justice in your courts. Zechariah 8:16

BIRTHS

BEAZLEY - On April 1st, to Stella (née Wilson) and Rupert, a daughter, Olivia Jayne, a sister for Sophie.

CORNFORTH - On March 22nd, to Denise and Alastair, a daughter, Olivia, a sister for Robin.

CUFFE - On April 5th 1993, to Caroline (née Irving) and Dana, a son, Cameron Charles Dana, a brother for Alexander.

DIXON - On 31st March 1993, to Amanda (née Pilkington) and Johnny, a daughter, Charlotte Lucy Fraser.

EDELSTEN - On Tuesday 6th April, Alison (née Window) and Simon have the joy of their first son born at Paddington Hospital.

FLEMING - On March 31st, to Emma (née Stephens) and Christopher, a son, Rory Thomas, a brother for Charles.

GORDON CUMMING - On April 4th, to Louise (née Clifton-Brown) and Alastair, a son, William.

GRAY - On April 2nd 1993, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Lucy (née O'Bryen) and William, twin sons, Samuel and Edward.

MACAULEY - On April 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Nicola and William, a son, Nico.

McBEAN - On 6th April, to David and Jo-anne (née Francis), a son, William Rupert, 9lbs 1oz, at St Richard's, Chichester.

MULROY - On April 6th at The Portland Hospital, a beautiful baby daughter, Megan Martin, born to proud parents, Karen and Tom and big brother Sean.

NEWTON - On April 2nd at Cotesbach Hall, to Sophy and Tom, a daughter, Annie, a sister for Lettice and Olivia.

PRYS-OWEN - On April 2nd at The Portland Hospital, to Lynne (née Fairbairn) and David, a second lovely son, James, a brother for Nicholas.

SETTERFIELD - On 1st April 1993, to Sarah (née Thrush) and Andrew, a beloved son, Christopher Andrew.

STEERING - On 4th April, to Kate (née Dickinson) and William, a daughter, Olivia Juliet Kate, a sister for Lucy and Ben.

BIRTHS

THORP - On April 5th at The Portland Hospital, to Claire (née Blyth) and Simon, a son, Toby Cristopher Austen, a brother for Hugo and Caspar.

TOLKIEN/ROWLEY - On Sunday 21st March 1993, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Richard and Sally, a son, Aidan Francis Bob, a brother for Harriet Freddie.

TOWNSEND - On April 5th, to Sally (née Hardy-Jackson) and John, a son, Henry Paul.

WATSON - On April 6th, to Venetia (née Spicer) and Tom, a daughter, Tara Cadogan, a sister for Alexander.

DEATHS

ATKINSON - On April 5th 1993, peacefully at Warminster Hospital after a long illness patiently borne, Mary Frances, formerly of Ivy Place, Salisbury. Much loved sister, sister-in-law and aunt. Funeral at Longbridge Deverill Parish Church on Tuesday April 13th at 12 noon followed by cremation at Salisbury at 3 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Enquiries to F Curtis and Son Funeral Directors, Warminster, tel: (0985) 212033.

BACON - Joe, died suddenly on March 7th, aged 71. Formerly of Cobbits, Howard Farrow, and Y.J. Lovell. Leaves a wife, Jill, and three sons: Joe, Jeremy, and Ben. Funeral Service at Our Lady of Muswell on March 15th followed by cremation at Interment at St Pancras Cemetery, East Finchley. Sadly missed by family and friends. Donations to Joe Bacon Memorial Trust for young musicians c/o Jeremy Bacon. (071) 816-7947.

BITTREAD - On Sunday April 4th, peacefully in his own home after a great and brave fight, Robert Alec (Bob) aged 66 years. Most darling, devoted and dearly loved husband of Jean. Greatly loved and respected by his family and friends. Service at Holy Trinity Church, Salcombe, Devon, at 12.30pm on Wednesday 14th April followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. By Bob's request donations if desired to Cancer Research, Salcombe Branch, c/o Mrs B. McLarty, Springfield, Lower Batson, Salcombe.

DEATHS

BATHURST - Jack, O.B.E., D.S.C., Halifax, N. Scotia, enquiries c/o daughter Mary (0634) 400883.

CHASE - On 4th April 1993, peacefully in Basingstoke Hospital, Florence Priscilla Chase, M.B.E. Much loved sister, aunt and great-aunt. Funeral Service at Cheltenham Crematorium on Friday 16th April at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Friends of the Elderly, 42 Ebury Street, London, SW1W 0LZ.

FAIRLEY - On April 2nd 1993 unexpectedly but peacefully at hospital, Joan Evelyn (Jet) Fairley aged 78. Much loved wife of the late Thomas Fairley, mother of Susan and Belinda. Funeral Service at St George's, Campden Hill, on Wednesday April 14th at 3 o'clock. Family flowers only, donations if desired to T.M. or St George's Church Redevelopment Fund. Enquiries or donations to J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, London W8 6LA.

FERGUSSON - Peacefully in her 92nd year, at home in Edinburgh on 6th April 1993, Margaret Beveridge, elder daughter of the late Rev. Adam Ker and Mrs Jemmie M. Fergusson, sister of the late James Wightman Fergusson and the late Beatrice Mair Sawyer, much loved aunt, great-aunt and great-great-aunt. Formerly Principal St Mary's College, Dorinea, latterly Warden Suffolk Halls University of Edinburgh. Service at Mortonhall Crematorium Pentland Chapel on Saturday 10th April at 10.15 am. Family flowers only please.

GASCOIGNE - Hector, peacefully on 5th April. Beloved husband of the late Catrine and adored father of Michael, Patrick, David and Richard. Funeral at Aberlady Church at midday on Saturday April 10th.

HALE - Donald. On April 1st 1993 after a long and distressing illness. Dearest husband of Edith (Jessie), father of Susan and grandfather to Holly. Funeral at Croydon Crematorium on Thursday 8th April.

DEATHS

HASCHEK - On March 31st, Prof. Dr. Helmut H. Haschek, Chairman of Oesterreichische Kontrollbank AG (OKB) died in Vienna aged 63 years. Much loved by his family and highly treasured by business friends. Memorial Service at St. Lawrence Jewry, Next Guildhall, at 5pm on Monday 26th April. No flowers please but donations to account no. 04572424 of OKB, with National Westminster Bank PLC, 25 Old Broad Street, stating as reference "Save the Children" or "Neighbour in Need" an initiative to support the population of former Yugoslavia.

HOARE - On April 5th 1993, Mary Isobel (née Lineger), Widow of John Douro, Born Ottawa 1904, died peacefully Aylsham Manor Residential Home, Norfolk. Funeral Cromer Parish Church at 2.30 pm Wednesday 14th April.

HONESS - On 3rd April 1993, peacefully at the Princess Royal Hospital, Wellington, Thomas Frank C.B.E., aged 76. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Wellington Parish Church on Thursday 15th April at 1 pm, followed by private family cremation. Friends very welcome at the family home from 3 pm. Family flowers. Any donations to the British Heart Foundation.

JENKINS - On April 4th 1993, Ronald Owen Jenkins, aged 84 years, peacefully after a long illness. Much loved husband of Gladys, father of Tony and Penny, grandfather and great-grandfather. Service at Guildford Crematorium on Thursday April 8th at 3 pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations in lieu for the Alzheimer Disease Society may be sent together with any enquiries to Aylings, 25 South Road, Guildford. (0483) 67333.

LLOYD MORGAN - On 2nd April, suddenly at home, David Hugh, much loved husband of Mary, loving father and grandfather. Private cremation. Service of thanksgiving at St Margaret's Church, Barley, nr. Royston, on 16th April at 2.30 pm. Please no flowers, but donations to Evelina Heart Fund, c/o Mrs Sutton, Guy's Hospital, London SE1 9RT.

DEATHS

MARDON - On April 5th 1993 peacefully at The Cranhill Nursing Home, Bath, Kenric Mardon, beloved husband of the late Dulcie and dearly loved father of Julian, Clive and Susan. Family funeral service at Cameley Church, Temple Cloud, nr. Bristol, at 12 noon on Tuesday 13th April, and afterwards at The Bath and County Club, Queen's Parade, Bath. Flowers to be sent to Joltys, 7 Windsor Place, Upper Bristol Road, Bath BA1 3DF. tel: 0225-426822. Thanksgiving Service at a later date.

McMAHON - At Cluny Lodge Nursing Home, Edinburgh, on April 5th 1993, Molly McMahon, retired primary school teacher, sometime of Stockbridge and Fox Court, wife of the late Denis and mother of Roger. Service at Warriston Crematorium Chester Chapel on Friday April 9th at 4.15 pm followed by reception at Scottish Arts Club, 24 Rutland Square, to which all friends are welcome.

NORMAN - Dorothy Aston on April 2nd 1993 peacefully at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, after a long fulfilled happy life. Last surviving daughter of the Rev. Walter and Ethel Norman of Burnham Deepdene, greatly loved and admired by her cousins and many friends. Funeral Service at St Augustine's Church, Birdbrook, on Wednesday 14th April at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Dar El-Tifl Jerusalem c/o Mr A Frost Birkett, Westhorp Long, 42 Crouch Street, Colchester, Essex.

OGILVY - At Roodlands Hospital, Haddington, on Sunday 4th April 1993, John Augustine Ogilvy aged 77 years, Lt. Cmdr. R.N. Funeral Service in Holy Trinity Church, Haddington, on Thursday 8th April at 2.30 pm. Cremation thereafter private, family flowers only.

PEAL - On April 4th 1993, peacefully after a long illness, John Rodney, V.R.D., aged 77. Beloved husband of Phyll (née Camozzi) and much loved father of Bernard. Former Director of Peal and Co. Ltd., Bookmakers, W1., and a past Master of the Worshipful Company of Coachmakers. Requiem at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Paignton, Devon, on Friday April 16th at 2 pm. Family flowers only, but donations for the Parkinsons Disease Society may be sent to Majendera Funeral Service, 27 Well Street, Paignton, Devon.

PRINCE - On April 5th 1993, Aileen Joan, mother of John and wife of the late Peter, formerly of Dunsfold, Surrey. Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium on Tuesday April 13th at 11am. Flowers to Kenyons, 74 Rochester Row, SW1, by 9.45am please.

RUSS - On 4th April peacefully at Odstock Hospital attended by her son the Reverend Timothy Russ and other members of the family, Rosamund Ursula Mary, widow of Charles Russ, Flight Air Arm and niece of Capt. Reginald Eyre-Huddlestone, Sawston Hall, Cambridge. Funeral at All Saints, Wardour, Tisbury, Wilts, on Wednesday 14th April at 2pm, followed by reception. Ring 0985-6282 for map. Flowers may be sent to G.E. Johnson and Son, 41/43 High Street, Shaftesbury or donations to CAFOD, 2 Romero Close, Stockwell Road, London.

SILLARS - Jessmond, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, peacefully on 4th April, Elizabeth Wawson (née Middleton, formerly widow of Vernon Russell) aged 84 years. Deeply loved by her daughter Julia and son-in-law David, adored by her granddaughters Belinda, Josephine and Sophie and great-grandsons Tom, Marcus and Miles. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Corbridge, Northumberland, at 2 pm on 14th April followed by burial at Corbridge Cemetery. There will be a gathering to remember Elizabeth for her Newcastle friends at Woodland Mews, Reid Park Road, Jesmond, at 11 am on Sunday 18th April. Family flowers only but donations in lieu if desired to Queen Alexandra Hospital Home, Clifford House, Worthing, BN11 4LJ or Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, 1 Stone Cottage, East Shelbourn, Bellingham, Northumberland, NE22 7BB.

TIMS - On April 4th, peacefully at his home in Taverham, Norwich, Reginald Frederick, aged 89 years. Beloved husband of the late Vera, loving and much loved father of Peter and Carole and John and grandfather of Michael, Ian and Anne. Funeral Service and Interment at Taverham Parish Church on Tuesday April 13th at 2 pm. Flowers or donations in lieu to Age Concern may be sent to George Bush Funeral Home, 134/138 Oak Street, Norwich, NR3 3BP.

TURNER - On April 4th, peacefully at Lee-on-the-Solent, Evelyn (née Stockwell), wife of the late Hugh Francis. Funeral Service on Tuesday April 13th, 1.45 pm at Porchester Crematorium. Posies of small flowers only, or donations to charity of choice if desired.

VARIN - Michael John Preston, died suddenly in Scotland on 1st April 1993. The funeral has taken place.

WALEY - On 6th April 1993 after a brief illness David Waley, Sqn Ldr RAF, late Exam Wing, Scampton, aged 47. Service to be held at St Thomas' Market Rasen, Saturday 10th April at 2 pm. All enquiries to William Marshall 0673 843726.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

STEEL - Brigadier Charles Steel C.M.G., O.B.E. A Memorial Service will be held in St Bartholomew's Church, Mettlebed, Oxon on Tuesday 13th April at 2.30pm.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

WARREN - Graham Keith 25.5.38-7.4.92. Beloved friend and teacher. You know that they would leave you - You were the only one. You cause forget-me-nots to grow Where best your there tears rose. Stay with us 'til we come to you - You know it won't seem long. Frances-P and Brenda

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RUSHER, Vinny's talented daughter, wishes to contact Hilda of Margate Vinny. Please Reply to Box No 1711

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CIVIL CENSORS in WW2 - Historical researcher wishes to contact anyone who worked in censorship of mail in UK, Bermuda or BWI during WW2. Also interested in existence of censored letters. Please Reply to Box No 1739

WINDOW - Mercedes and Alan wish to inform all of their friends that they have become proud grandparents of a healthy baby boy born on Tuesday 6th April to Alison and Simon Edmiston.

BIRTHDAYS

BUNDY - Happy 5th Birthday Fiona, with love from the family.

DOMESTIC & CATERING SITUATIONS

DUTCH Family (1 baby) requires Au Pair for 2 year min. Must be prepared to perform household duties. + 18 years old. Own room, kitchen, bathroom, colour TV. Send details + picture to: Family Mertens, De Lairesselaan 78, 3062 PK Rotterdam, Holland. (Without picture unnecessary to reply).

MEDITERRANEAN Cooks - An opportunity to spend mid May/Oct season on the exclusive North East coast of Corfu from 3 May-1 June, 1 July for periods of 4 - 10 weeks. We require competent and very experienced cooks, used to working on their own, who would be responsible for the well being of expensive private villas. Age 22+, must drive, good salary, transport, accommodation, food - all found (no cleaning). Telephone Lulu Witherington at CV Travel (Corfu Villas) 071 581 0851.

FLATSHARE

CHELSEA SW10 bpe G/C studio rm. All mod. cons. £58pcm. 071-352 0736

CHISWICK - Reality Ltd have room to let, bpe dble room, £282pcm. Single pref. 0602 262174 day 081 995 9288 eves.

CLAPHAM S. Dble room in shared house, 5 mins tube. £65pw. Tel: 071 585 8629.

FLATMATES London's foremost (Est 1973) Professional flat sharing service. 071-589 8491

FULHAM - Rm & lge living space. Sngl £70, dbl £95 pw pls frac pkng, close tube. 071 381 1705

HAMPSTEAD - Room in spacious flat. Beautiful balcony. £95 pw. Tel. 071 439 8493.

MAIDA VALE Room in modern, light flat. All facilities inc cleaner 2hr per week, porter, entryphone, parking. £70pw incl. 071 286 10869)

SW11 2 mins b/rooms avail in hse mate. Single pref n/s £70 pw. 071 350 1988, 071 924 2441 w

SW 2 Large room for pref F, n/s, in cent house, pr use. £260pcm incl. 071 210 3544 (w) 071 326 0216 (h)

W1 nr Berkeley Sq. Single room in character condesparita, to share with 2 others, all mod cons, well kept professional. £85 pw excl 071 491 9698 !

FLIGHTS

Prices so cheap... we dare not advertise
Europe: 071-323 1515
071-700 2922
Worldwide: 071-323 4283
America: 071-700 2722
50 lines for your convenience
Flightfile
29 TOTTENHAM COURT RD W1

FOR SALE

TICKETS FOR SALE
When responding to advertisements readers are advised to establish the face value and full details of tickets before entering into any commitment.

A BRITTRADE Newspaper, Grip host. Sports promotions. Open 7 days a week. Freephone 0800 906909

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARTHRITIS
IS A CRUEL DISEASE THAT RESPECTS NOBODY

Although we've made advances in our research into this cruel, uncaring disease, as yet there is no cure. We need more money to continue our work. You can help by remembering us in your will. Complete the coupon and return to:
The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, FREEPOST, Chesterfield S41 7BR
ARTHRITIS RESEARCH
Fighting the cause. Seeking the Cure.

Please send me your Legacy leaflet.
Name:
Address:
Postcode: Signature:
Please tell The Duchess of Kent 07W12/T1/07/NW93

L 7 1993

إ هكذا من الأصل

OBITUARIES

OLAF LAMBERT

Olaf Lambert, CBE, Director General of the Automobile Association, 1977-1987, died on April 3 in Owslebury, Hampshire, aged 68. He was born in London on January 13, 1925.



DURING his ten years as director general of the Automobile Association, Olaf Lambert initiated the roadside rescue services which have helped millions of stranded motorists and shaped the modern face of Britain's largest breakdown and rescue organisation. As might be expected of a man so involved with the business of motoring, he argued that, although an efficient public transport service might be vital, the needs of car drivers for a modern network of roads should not be ignored. As chairman of the British Road Federation from 1987 to 1991 he was strongly committed to the enhancement of the road transport system and the right of individuals to own and use cars.

Olaf Lambert joined the AA in 1959 as assistant manager of the roadside patrol force after 15 years in the Army. His career at the AA was marked by swift and successive promotions, and he is remembered with respect and affection for his vigorous pursuit of efficiency, firm but unassuming leadership, and a genuine interest in people. His charm and his human touch endeared him to all with whom he worked.

Olaf Lambert was born in London and educated at Caterham School in Surrey and at the wartime Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. Commissioned into the 5th Royal Tank Regiment in 1944, he landed in Normandy shortly after D-Day and served with the 7th Armoured Division in northwest Europe. Later he was adjutant of the 4th and 5th Royal Tank Regiments, served on the staff of 7th Armoured Division, and became an instructor at Mons officer training school.

On retiring from the Army in January 1959, he joined the staff of the rapidly-expanding AA as one of the first middle-ranking executives to be recruited from outside the organisation. His military background put him very much at ease with the then quasi-military structure of the AA, and he was able to bring an innovative approach to member service that marked him for greater responsibility.

Swiftly promoted, he became executive manager, services; controller of public affairs; director of operations; joint managing director and then, in 1973, managing director. Throughout his rise he maintained his interest in the roadside patrols and spent many hours getting to know the rescue service teams "at the sharp end" to understand better their operational problems and to introduce solutions.

The AA that Olaf Lambert joined had a membership of 2.3 million, with motoring booming as Britain emerged from the postwar gloom. During his 28 years with the organisation membership rose to 6.4 million and many of the new services — such as the AA Relay — introduced to meet the needs of this expanding membership drew directly on his Army experience. He guided the introduction of the AA Home Start and the AA Rider Club for motorcyclists. His commitment to road safety found expression in the creation of the AA Foundation for Road Safety Research in 1986.

From 1983 to 1986 Olaf Lambert was world president of the International Touring Alliance, which embraces 129 motoring and touring organisations in 89 countries. He also served the Institute of Advanced Motorists and the Institute of the Motor Industry.

He was the first executive to be elected as a member of the AA Committee, in 1982, and he became a vice-president of the AA on his retirement.

His military connection was resumed in 1984 when he became honorary colonel, Royal Military Police, Territorial Army. His appointment was extended for three years beyond the normal five-year period and he handed over to his successor only in April 1992. He was appointed CBE in 1984.

A member of the Hampshire Committee of the Army Benevolent Fund, and of the Winchester Cathedral Trust Council, he became a Deputy Lieutenant of Hampshire in 1989. He was a keen horseman, skier and mountain walker and had a great interest in music.

He married, in 1950, Lucy Adshead and they had two sons and two daughters.

NICANOR ZABALETA

Nicanor Zabaleta, Basque harpist, died in Puerto Rico on April 1 aged 86. He was born in San Sebastian on January 7, 1907.

NICANOR ZABALETA was, without doubt, the most important harpist of the 20th century. He was for many years virtually the only travelling harp virtuoso in a worldwide sense; no one player has done more to promote the harp as a solo instrument. He was loved, revered and respected by harpists and musicians everywhere.

Eight years old when he began his harp studies in his native city of San Sebastian, Zabaleta graduated from the Madrid Conservatoire at the age of 13. After further lessons with Luisa Menarguez he left for Paris where he studied with Marcel Tournier, and made his European debut in 1926, thus beginning a solo career which spanned an incredible 66 years, during which he gave some 3,000 concerts and played with some 300 different orchestras. His final concert was given in Madrid last June.

Zabaleta made his New York debut in July 1934 under the baton of his countryman Jose Iturbi, and then began a period of some twenty years of solo recitals mainly in Central and South America. After his marriage in Puerto Rico in 1952, he and his wife returned to Europe on a permanent basis, settling in San Sebastian, and despite encountering more than a little initial prejudice, he eventually succeeded in establishing the harp as a valid solo instrument, ridding it of the effete, romantic salon image with which it had been too long associated.

In recital, Zabaleta eschewed the great glissando-ridden showpieces of the typical virtuoso harp repertoire, his playing being characterised by an impeccable clarity and brilliance of sonority, technical poise, flawless control, economy of movement and an amazing, meticulous damping technique. This latter was further enhanced by a mechanical damping device operated by an eighth pedal, which he had persuaded the German maker Josef Obermayer to add to his harp.

His technique was ideally suited to the 18th-century and neo-classical repertoire which he preferred. Yet surprisingly, and in contrast, he was an enthusiastic advocate of the music of the arch-romantic English harpist-composer Elias Parish Alvars (1808-1849), two of whose concertos he had recorded in recent years.

Zabaleta has exerted a greater influence on current harp repertory than any other single artist. As far as possible, he programmed only original works, and this led to his researches into earlier music and his many commissions to composers. Some 25 concertos were dedicated to him and, apart from these, he also gave first performances of concertos by Alberto Ginastera and Xavier Montsalvatge, as well as persuading his friend Joaquin Rodrigo to arrange the *Concierto de Aranjuez* for harp.

Zabaleta recorded most of this repertoire in a long and fruitful association with DGG, his recordings winning major prizes in France, Spain, Italy and Holland. He was awarded Spain's National Music Prize in 1982 and in 1988 he was elected to the *Real Academia de Bellas Artes de San Fernando*. In 1991 he was President of Honour at the first World Harp Festival held at Cardiff.

He leaves a widow, the former Graciela Torres Alcaide, a son, Pedro, and a daughter, Estella.



LEO LABEDZ

Leo Labedz, writer and former editor of *Survey: A journal of East and West studies*, died on March 22 aged 73. He was born at Simbirsk in Russia, on January 22, 1920.

LEO Labedz, one of the fiercest critics of the Soviet system, had better cause than many to appreciate the nature of political tyranny. When the second world war broke out he found himself, as a Pole, trapped between the invading armies of Hitler and Stalin. Half of his family were killed by one or the other. With this experience behind him, it was not perhaps surprising that he committed the rest of his life, through his editorship of *Survey*, to fighting totalitarianism.

Labedz had been born into the chaos of the Russian Civil War but his father, a Polish Jewish doctor, managed to return with the family to Warsaw, and set up a respectable practice.

Labedz was a precocious child and was studying medicine at the age of 18 in Paris when war broke out. He returned to Poland and ended up in General Anders's Polish army, in Soviet Central Asia, where he narrowly avoided dying from typhoid.

After the war, he continued his studies at Bologna University but emigrated to England in 1947 and enrolled at the London School of Economics, where he spent seven years. His omnivorous reading (including 20 newspapers a day), on subjects often totally unconnected with his course meant that he never graduated, but he soon became renowned in academic circles as an eminent sovietologist.

In 1961 Labedz founded *Survey*. He saw this — and there is little doubt that the CIA and the Foreign Office's IRD viewed it in the same light, too — as a weapon in the Cold War. It was deliberately aimed at those who made, or aspired to make, foreign policy. Its influence, in political and academic circles, was out of all proportion to the humble surroundings in which it was produced — the fourth floor offices of a crumbling Oxford Street block. *Survey* eventually had subscribers in more than 60 countries, many of them in government.

Labedz's stated objective was to keep *Survey* one step ahead of what was going on in the Communist world. To this end, he kept reading voraciously. His personal archives were immense and completely took over his flat as well as the office. A friend noted: "He reads all night and talks all day. It's not simply that he must read everything in every possible language: he must be the first to read it." A typical edition of the magazine, produced almost single-handed, would be about an inch thick, contain 350 pages and include work from 50 contributors, all big names in the field of East-West studies.



At the same time, despite his highbrow intentions, Labedz was quite capable of finding "scoops". In 1974 *Survey* published an interview by Mervyn Matthews, a lecturer in Soviet Studies at the University of Surrey, who had discovered that Brezhnev's already generous salary of 10,000 roubles a year (seven times what the average skilled Soviet industrial worker then received) was topped up by "perks" worth a similar amount. This was the first inside story of how the relatively small "apparat" of party officials exercised dictatorship over every aspect of Soviet life.

Survey was not the sole extent of Labedz's published output. To coincide with the Nobel award to Solzhenitsyn in 1970, Labedz persuaded Penguin to bring out the definitive, if somewhat hastily compiled, *Solzhenitsyn: A Documentary Record*, which beat all other such ventures to the bookshops by some weeks. Labedz had arranged the deal with Penguin the day after the award was announced and had to complete the task of sorting and translating the immense amount of material he had collected over the years within a week. He also helped to find an American publisher for *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*. In 1963 he co-edited, with Max Hayward, *Literature and Revolution in Soviet Russia*, an investigaton into the development and effects of Communist party policy in the field of literature.

But Labedz was not only a brilliant editor. He was also a talented writer whose abilities would no doubt have won more recognition had he been a man with any personal ambition. His books included *Revisionism* (1961), *The Sino-Soviet Rift* (1964), *International Communism after Khrushchev* (1965) and *On Trial* (1967).

In 1989 Mel Lasky, then editor of *Encounter* and a great admirer of Labedz's, took over the editorship of *Survey* for an issue to publish a *Festschrift* in his honour: *The Use and Abuse of Sovietology*, a collection of his well-documented essays, which stands as a useful guided tour to sovietology over the last 40 years. Labedz was not easily swayed by reputation and had argued with many of the modish, and as he considered misguidedly liberal, Western intellectuals over the years. He provoked outrage from mainstream sovietologists by denouncing Isaac Deutscher and E. H. Carr, a man he saw as riveted by raw power, when it was extremely unfashionable to do so. He also defended Orwell against what he took to be various misinterpretations current about him in the 1960s and 1970s. If he lacked Orwell's ability to communicate with a large readership, he shared with him a spare, non-academic prose style.

Labedz was a man with many friends and abundant good humour. His cheerfulness never faltered despite increasing ill-health from diabetes in later years and finally the amputation of both legs. He was separated from his English wife and is survived by their daughter.

REGINALD GRENFELL died at the age of 89, not 79 as was wrongly stated in his obituary yesterday.

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER OS DE LAS CASAS

Lieutenant-Commander O. M. B. de Las Casas, LVO, OBE, died on April 1 aged 71. He was born in Ilminster, Somerset, on November 8, 1921.

OS DE LAS CASAS, who died suddenly at his home in Jersey, had lived on the island for 40 years. After being invalided out of the Royal Navy he went there as ADC and later secretary to six successive Lieutenant-Governors, during which time he was appointed OBE and, following a Royal visit in 1979, made MVO (later translated into LVO).

When a new Lieutenant-Governor decided in 1982 to make a change, he unexpectedly found himself out of a job, and with inadequate provision made for his future. His removal from office was received with consternation by those who were accustomed to his unobtrusive, courteous style of ensuring that protocol, ceremonial, and access to the Queen's representative were meticulously sustained during a period of tranquil continuity.

Although he would have been the first to deny that he deserved better, life had dealt him many other hard blows, including a car crash which nearly killed his wife. His unflinching stoicism and religious faith carried him through. At Ampleforth Junior School, he formed a lifelong friendship with a boy destined to become Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster. He always addressed him by his family name of George Hume.

Born into a family of gentleman farmers in the West Country, he moved with them to Vancouver Island when he was seven. During his fairy-tale life as a backwoodsman local Indians taught him to fish and sail. A visit by the cruiser, *Daring*, fired his enthusiasm for a naval career, so he was shipped home and finally entered the Royal Navy as a cadet from Pangbourne in January 1940.

In August he joined the battlecruiser *Repulse* in which he sailed to the Far East in 1941 when she was dispatched to Singapore as part of a naval force intended by Churchill to deter Japanese aggression. Without air cover *Repulse* and the battleship *Prince of Wales* were attacked by Japanese high-level and torpedo bombers in the Gulf of Siam on December 10, 1941. *Repulse* was the first to be sunk after a battle during which she was hit by bombs and torpedos. When she capsized and sank at 12.33pm after an hour-and-a-half of desperate defence, de Las Casas was among those who were able safely to abandon ship, after all hands had been called on deck by the wise foresight of her commander, Captain Tennant. But the oil he then swallowed while floating about awaiting rescue left him with pulmonary complications which were later to end his career.

Picked out of the water by accompanying destroyers, de Las Casas was returned to Singapore where he joined the destroyer *Jupiter*. She, too, was to be ill-fated. In February 1942 she was sent to the Dutch East Indies as part of a mixed British, Australian, Dutch and American force under the Dutch Admiral Karel Doorman. In the evening of February 27, during the battle of the Java Sea, *Jupiter* struck a mine and sank immediately with heavy loss of life. De Las Casas was among her few survivors. Avoiding capture he finally reached Ceylon in charge of a small ship crammed with other servicemen who had been on the run in eastern Java.

Once home, he was appointed to the Fleet destroyer, *Raider*, in which he saw out the war, first on Russian convoys and then on operations in the Adriatic in support of the Allied armies in Italy. He was twice mentioned in dispatches before moving on to serve in frigates and, finally, in the battleship *Vanguard*, then flagship to C-in-C Mediterranean. At Malta, he took up polo, following his father's enthusiasm for the game in the early 1920s when the four brothers de Las Casas formed a team which represented Britain at international level.

But his abiding passion was sailing all over Europe. His local knowledge of the treacherous waters around Jersey survives in yachtsmen's pilotage books. He co-ordinated activities by visiting members of the Royal Yacht Squadron, of which he was an active naval member for nearly thirty years. De Las Casas also formed the local committee for King George's Fund for Sailors and helped raise large sums on its behalf.

He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

PERSONAL COLUMN

FOR SALE

ABSOLUTELY ALL TICKETS
COCA COLA CUP
ALL FOOTBALL
WIMBLEDON, ASCOT
ENGLAND V HOLLAND
ALL THEATRE
ALL POP
ALL SPORT
CC HOTLINE
071 820 1560
071 582 8466

TICKETS
ENG V HOLLAND
COCA COLA CUP FINAL
WIMBLEDON '93
ENG V AUS, ASCOT
STING, BON JOVI, U2
Phantom, Saigon,
Joseph, Crazy For You,
All pop, sport & theatre
TEL 071 323 4480

ALL AVAIL: Phantom, Les Mis, Prince, Concerts, Sheff Wed V Arsenal, FA Cup finals, All soccer, All sport 071 480 6183, eve.

ALL AVAIL Eng V Holl, W. Ham, Phantom, Miss Saigon, Cats, Les Mis, 071 497 1407.

All BEST TICKETS. Phantom, Les Mis, Saigon, U2, football, cricket, 071 839 2122, cc's.

ALL Football/Cup finals + cricket pop theatre sport bought & sold. Top prices paid 071 497 2836.

ALL TICKETS, Rugby, FA Cup, Eng V Hol, Sunset Boulevard, Phantom, U2, Springsteen, Crazy For You, 071-930 0800/928 0083 CCs Accepted.

ALL TICKETS F.A. Cup, Coca Cola Cup, Phantom, Saigon, Les Mis, All sold out events. 071 287 8824/26 Fax 071 734 0660

ALL TICKETS, Phantom daily, Les Mis, Cats, Sunset Byrd, Saigon, England V Holland Wimbledon 071 706 0353 or 0366

PHANTOM, Saigon, Les Mis, football and all other sold out events. Tel: 071 839 5363

THE TIMES - 1791-1960 other titles available. Ready for presentation - also " Sundays", £17.80. Remember When. 081-688 6323.

LONDON

KENSINGTON/Hampstead Luxury serviced apts. Tel 081 451 3094 Fax 081 459 4422.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

THIS EASTER, GET OUT OF YOUR SHELL!
Don't be a bad egg! Hop on down to Markson Pianos and buy or hire one of our quality uprights, grands or digital pianos, all at competitive prices. When it comes to our reputation, we're all we're cracked up to be!
MARKSON PIANOS
Established 1910
071 935 8682 (NW1)
081 854 4517 (SE18)
071 381 4132 (SW8)

PIANOS Discounts on big range. New S/H & Digital. Free Del. Rental/Purchase from £32pm. The Piano Workshop 30 Highgate Road, NW5. 071 267 7671

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

* IT'S ALL AT TRAILFINDERS *
More low cost flights via more routes to more destinations than any other agency.
PLUS
* Up to 60% discount on hotels and car hire *
* The best deals on the world's finest airlines *
42 - 50 Earls Court Road, London, W8 6EJ
Long Haul Flights 071 938 3366
USA/Europe Flights 071 938 3232
1st & Business Class 071 938 3444
Manchester Office 061 839 6969
Government Licensed/Bonded
ATOL 1468/ATA ABTA 69701

ALL DISCOUNTED Economy. Club. F/class w/wide, Europe, USA. Far East, Australia & many more. Ealing Travel. 081 579 9111. ABTA 77969/IATA Bonded. Access/Visa

COSTCUTTERS on flights & hols to Europe, USA & most destinations. Diplomat Travel Services Ltd. 071-730 2201. ABTA 26703. IATA/ATOL 1305.

GERMANY Daily low cost flights. Tel 071-935 4444 ABTA/AITA. Visa/Access.

LOW Fares Worldwide - USA, N/S America, Australia, Far East, Africa, Airline Ag'd. Air Travaire, 36 East Castle Street W1 071 580 2928 (Visa Access)

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

PORTUGAL, Cheerios. All areas. Villas, apts., Hotels, Golf hols, car hire. Discount flights to Europe, Canada, USA, S.Africa and Worldwide. Longmore hall. 081-668 1101. ABTA 73196

SICILY Discovery Tour 7 nts £699 depart BA Heathrow 1 May. Also special offers 24 Apr Agrigento, Taormina, Catalo. Liparl from £179. Sicilian Experience 6 Palace St SW1E 071 828 9171 ABTA/ATOL.

SITUATIONS VACANT

EXPERIENCED Indian chef required in the East Midlands. Accom provided. Please phone 0773 712171 after 7pm.

SPAIN

LA MARINA CLUB Costa Calida. Superb selection of apts /villas /hses with pool. Outstanding sports facilities. Pyte safe beach. Tel: 0372 740640.

UNDER THE CLOCK

AMERICANS SEEK friendship, romance and marriage with British ladies & gentlemen! All ages! English Rose (Dept U), Suite 2, 24 Cecil Square, Margate, Kent. 0843-290736. As featured on Wogan. Where There's Life, Kilroy etc.

CZECHMATE. 2,000 articulate, cultured Czech & Russian ladies. 320 on video. Seek structured marriage minded gentlemen. Featured BBC, TVam Anglia Kilroy Tel: 0582 38960.

EXECUTIVE CLUB for the top unattached, almost certainly the UK's largest for unattached professionals. 071-487 9089 or 24 hrs.

PLUMP PARTNERS National Dating Agency. If you are plump or prefer a plump partner ring 0352 780915.

SINGLES DINNER Parties in Yorkshire. Accomodation introductions. Leeds 0532 704805.

"THE ULTIMATE in small, made-to-measure marriage bureaux" (S.Tel.) Est. 1960. Natasha Alen, 18 Thayer St, London W1M 6LD. Tel: 071-935 5115

WINTER SPORTS

ARC Free int. pass. Super Chalets in April. Top resorts. Depart any day & weekend skiing. White Rec 071 792 1188.

CHALET HOLIDAYS. 10th Apr's St. Anton & 5 Valleys all at £299. Ski Total 081 948 6922.

CHAMONIX Excellent skiing until May! weekend/transfer holidays a specialty. Quality catered or B&B chalets. Hotels & S/C apts. Summer accommodation details available. ATOL 2781. Tel: Bigfoot Travel (04931) 879601.

CHAMONIX S/cat apt slps 6 in village centre overlooking Valley of Mont Blanc. Avail 081 761 6577. Available now

LAST Availability! Courchevel 1850. Zermatt. For luxury holidays at crazy prices call Ski Scott Dunn 081-767 0202. ABTA C6648. ATOL 2471.

MERIBEL Chalet specialists Skibeluir are avail Mar/Apr. Corden skis offering in his chalets. 071 938 2772.

WANTED

ALL CROCODILE Articles. Old leather luggage, trunks etc. Wanted. 071 229 9618.

BIRKBECK Wanted by collector. Telephone Mr David: 0222 793196 after 6pm.

WANTED Large wardrobes bookcases desk tables and all old furniture 071 729 7662



Church Army
Working throughout the UK to provide care for the homeless and elderly; support for young people; chaplaincy work in HM Prisons and HM Forces.
Contact: Gordon Kinsey, Church Army, Independents Road, Blackheath, London SE3 9LG. 081-318 1225 Ext 229.
Church Army is the Anglican Church's best kept secret

YOUR WILL
If you are making your will please think of BLESMA. We care for all ex-service men and women who have lost limbs in the service of this country.
Enquiries to The Chairman, British Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association, c/o Midland Bank plc, 60 West Smithfield, London EC1A.

BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION
THE HEART RESEARCH CHARITY
We're leading the fight against heart disease by funding research into its causes, prevention and treatment. Please send a donation to your regional office (see Yellow Pages) or to the
British Heart Foundation, 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 4DH

You helped us in ASSOCIATION now help us in ACTION
London Association for the Blind has changed its name. Now we're working even harder to provide better services to blind or partially sighted people, at our care homes, through employment or cash help for those in need. A donation or covenant now and a legacy later will make it all possible.
action for blind people
Ref JT, 14-16 Verney Road, London SE16 3DZ Telephone: 071-732 8771
London Association for the Blind Registered Charity No 205813

BILLIARDS: LINDRUM'S MEMORABLE TOUR

The tour of Walter Lindrum, the Australian player, which marks a new era in the history of the game, was concluded on Saturday when he was beaten in his last match at Dublin in which he played Newman. Since he arrived in England on his first visit to the country in the middle of October, Lindrum has taken part in match play without a rest. He has been beaten in four of his games, by Smith twice, and once each by McConachy, the New Zealand champion, who accompanied him on tour, and Newman, but he won all of the other matches with so much ease that no doubt can be entertained as to his all-round superiority over all of his opponents. Lindrum's tour has been a personal triumph, and he has been able to show a method of almost perpetual scoring which has been remarkable. The fact that he has made more four-figure breaks in the six months he has been playing in the British Isles than any other player has made in the course of his whole career is indicative chiefly of his masterly control. The great players of the past and of the present time have shown that it is comparatively easy to make a succession of hazards, or a series of cannons, but all of them without exception have exhibited weaknesses which certainly have not been so apparent in the case of Lindrum. It is a high tribute to Lindrum's ability that his contemporaries are agreed that he is the greatest player in the history of the game. They have realised themselves that as a scoring force he has never been equalled, and it is reasonable to assume that they will benefit by the matches they have played with him. Until Lindrum began his tour the impression was general that the game had been developed to a point which made it extremely difficult to visualize greater improvement, but it has been made evident that the maximum of scoring endeavour may not have been reached yet. While Lindrum has concentrated a good deal on the nursery cannon it would be unjust to suggest that he is in any way a specialist type of player. Lindrum has made a thousand break, by close-cannon play chiefly, but he has done the same without making more than a hundred points by this means. He sets the high point of his ambition at a 5,000 break. The achievement of this must depend to a great extent on his ability to withstand the physical strain of such a test of endurance. The highest break he has made is one of 3,262, and there seems to be no reason why he should not improve on that. It is a pity, perhaps, that Lindrum was not able to go through his tour without losing a match, but that he failed now and then is not surprising in view of the strenuous nature of his tour. At times he has made his opponents appear to be little more than second-rate players. The fact that he has been able to master the game to the extent he has done is due, in his opinion, to the fact that from the time he began to play seriously he has never allowed himself to relax from his self-imposed task of learning.

ON THIS DAY

April 7 1930

Few sportsmen have dominated their fellows to the extent that Walter Lindrum did. Later that season he beat his own record with a break of 4,137. At that time no other player had ever scored more than 2,800.

DUTY FREE

The European Community's single market has started in confusion. **Rodney Hobson** introduces a report on duty free shopping

Duty bound British join sea invasion

The Alice in Wonderland world created by the bargaining and compromises of the European Community has created no stranger phenomenon than the cross-border rush to grab alcohol, tobacco and luxury goods.

Despite the creation of a single market, thousands of Britons have found the cost of a pilgrimage to the supermarkets of Calais and Boulogne in northern France to be far outweighed by the savings in duty to be won by crossing a supposedly non-existent boundary.

In theory, the single European market introduced on January 1 removed international barriers in the community. The concept of duty free goods for European travel was supposed to vanish because travellers were not crossing boundaries.

Duty free goods are those on which no duty has been paid to any EC country. A Customs & Excise official says: "Technically, the goods have been bought on the high seas, even if the shop is on land, such as at an airport."

Duty paid goods are those bought within a country at an ordinary shop or supermarket. These will be subjected to local taxes and will not normally attract further duties if taken from one EC country to another, even though rates of duty vary within the community. Buying in a low duty country will not mean that the difference must be made up if the goods are taken into a high duty country.

To help Customs officials in case of suspected over-purchase of duty free goods, items are already stamped duty free or duty paid in the language of the country of sale when they are sold.

However, the Duty Free Confederation, set up by manufacturers, retailers and other interested parties such as the British Airports Authority, persuaded the British government to fight successfully for the duty free regulations to be phased out over the rest of the 1990s rather than disappear at one stroke.

Tony Tucker of the Scotch Whisky Association (SWA) explains: "We said that we had to have a proper framework, a period when the duty free market winds itself down and the harmonisation of taxes is put in place. Spirits suffer heavy discrimination throughout Europe. It was unreasonable to remove the duty free concession while there were still large differences in tariffs. Mercifully, that argument won the day."

Mr Tucker points out that Britain is the second highest imposer of duty on spirits after Denmark and that a bottle of Scotch bought in Britain is £3 to £4 dearer than the same product exported for sale in the French ports.

Although the United States is the largest national market for Scotch, more than half the Scotch produced is drunk in the EC.



Super cheap: a Boulogne hypermarket

In the United Kingdom, Scotch incurs double the tax imposed on wine, although a single measure of Scotch contains the same amount of alcohol as a glass of wine.

The Scotch industry has long argued that the Treasury is losing money by imposing high taxes. That argument has intensified with the cross-Channel stampede, leading the Chancellor of the Exchequer to make no increase in the tax on spirits in his March budget.

The Wine and Spirits Association is concerned that the Chancellor's 5 per cent increase in tax on wines announced in the Budget will depress UK sales further. The association questions the Chancellor's claim that the combined loss of revenue to the British exchequer from cross-border trade in 1993 will be £250 million for alcohol and tobacco combined. The lost revenue from alcohol is put at £100 million.

Peter Lewis, the association's director, says: "The trade has lost confidence. We are being forced to support the French exchequer at British expense.

"We know of legitimate traders who are shipping wine back to France in order to sell it to British cross-border shoppers.

"It is farcical. Excise levels must be dropped to the point where it is no longer viable to cross the Channel specially to buy excisable goods."

Both associations say that Britain has suffered job losses because of the high tax regime, a trend that will be exacerbated by the surge in Channel crossings. The SWA says that revenue to the Treasury from the sale of Scotch fell by 2 per cent in real terms last year, a loss to the UK of £25 million, and that revenue will fall further this year.

High-taxing Denmark has already been forced to make concessions on duties to curb the stream of shoppers travelling to Hamburg in Germany for clothing, household goods and alcohol. Despite the low VAT regime in the UK compared with other EC countries and the devaluation of sterling last year, there is little incentive for Europeans to flock to Britain in the hope of picking up bargains.

The hope is that loss of revenue and the strain on the balance of payments will force the Chancellor into action in this year's unified Budget in November.

JULIAN HERBERT



Bounty hunting: every van does its duty as the British look for inexpensive drink in northern France

Customs fights the fiddlers

Green and red channels have gone, but the rules on taxes are still being enforced

Long, guilty walks down the green corridors are no more. No longer do holidaymakers returning from abroad with a little over the duty free limit face that agonising choice: to go through red and pay up, or to go through green and try not to be transfixed by the icy stare of the Customs officer at the far end. *Rodney Hobson writes.*

Since the beginning of this year, the European single market has meant that there is just one route through Customs at ports and airports. The theory is that, under new rules, there are sufficient powers to prevent the holidaymaker or businessman from breaking the regulations in the first place.

A Customs official says: "There is no longer a formal check, but we are entitled to stop anyone entering the country if he or she is carrying excess duty free goods. We have the right to make random checks."

Despite the single European market, duty free limits still exist. Travellers over the age of 17 are still allowed to bring in, duty free, 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars, one litre of spirits or two litres of fortified wine and two litres of table wine.

Travellers to and from Europe have a bonus. For them, the ration is effectively doubled, since they can pick up the allowance on both the outward and inward journey, provided they actually set foot on the other side.

> 'Reselling the goods is an offence'

The arrangement with duty free shops is agreed by all European Community member states and those operating out of Britain are monitored by Customs & Excise. Because the onus to supply only the allowed ration falls on the shop, it is the shop owner that incurs the wrath of Customs officers rather than the holidaymaker.

Customs & Excise declines to disclose its methods of monitoring duty free shops but it says that selling more than the limit means that shops can lose their duty free licences.

It is in the purchase of duty paid goods that limits have been raised for travellers. Previously, there was a restriction of 1.5 litres of spirits and 300 cigarettes and it was not possible to bring in the duty paid allowance as well as the duty free allowance. That restriction has now gone.

Guidelines on the amount of duty paid goods that can be brought in are 10 litres of spirits and 90 litres of wine — more than an individual can carry.

Strictly speaking, duty paid or duty free goods brought back to this country should be for personal consumption, although a person carrying large amounts of alcohol could claim that he was going to give a party. The Customs official says: "The duty free allowances are so small, so it is OK to give them away. If anyone feels so generous, they can give the stuff to me.

"However, reselling the goods is an offence, and if we catch you doing it, you are in serious trouble. You have got to find someone, such as a social club, who will dishonestly handle the goods, and the club would be in danger of losing its licence.

"We are also looking out for anyone who might try to sell duty free goods at a car-boot sale. We have been catching one person a day. We are hoping that the message is getting across that it is not worth the risk."

Manchester is now twice as big on duty free.



With twice as many terminals, Manchester confirms its position as a world class airport, serving 165 countries, across five continents. Now we've got twice as many duty free shops with an enviable and outstanding range of goods.

From camcorders and cameras to clothing and cosmetics. There's even a 20% duty free discount for transfer passengers.

Of course, you can shop till you drop at any of the high street stores in the airport. Stores like Boots, Our Price, W.H. Smith, Thorntons, Tie Rack, Body Shop and Sock Shop make Manchester not only a great airport, but also a great place to shop.

ALDERS TAX FREE DUTY FREE
FORTE RETAIL SERVICES
At
Manchester Airport
One of the World's Great Airports

Details of your new duty free limits are available within Manchester Airport Duty Free Shops.



BEEFEATER IS AVAILABLE IN MORE DUTY FREE SHOPS WORLDWIDE THAN ANY OTHER GIN.

BEEFEATER
PREMIUM GIN
SOURCE: BEST 'N' MOST 1992/93

هكذا من الاصل

هكذا من الأصل

Flying visit to the shops

Passengers are buying more and spending more at Britain's airports, Derek Harris says

New policies on the shape of retailing at Britain's key airports have increased the value to top retailers of tax and duty free shopping by outward-bound foreign visitors. Britain is the second largest duty free market after the United States, worth about £725 million a year, says BAA, quoting Swedish research.

British retailers have a strong international appeal and sell well to foreign visitors, especially at their key stores in London and elsewhere in tourist-favoured localities such as Edinburgh.

Harrods, which sees its "signature" shops at airports here and abroad as a key means of maintaining its image, is among retailers that also have outlets at London's airports. Others include Burberrys, Aquascutum, Jaeger and The Scotch House in the fashion sector, Harnleys in toys, the Caviar House in marine delicacies and Mappin & Webb in watches and jewellery.

Sales to overseas visitors are so important to Jaeger that it pioneered a system for value added tax rebates to be paid as visitors leave the country. At Jaeger high street outlets where tourism activity is high, such as its Regent Street store in the West End, as much as a quarter of sales is geared to export.

Foreign visitors normally have to pay VAT and then claim it back later. Customs & Excise process the claim and give a full credit, for example, through a credit card account.

In the Jaeger system, an agent company operates a rapid cash-back payment using counters in key terminals at main airports, including London Heathrow. Jaeger advances money to the agent company so that customers can be reimbursed on the spot. Jaeger believes it makes good business sense to put up the money and carry that amount until it can be claimed back from Customs.

A London location pays off for other stores that catch the attention of foreign visitors. Fortnum & Mason has been a traditional draw in Piccadilly in central London, as have others selling in such quality sectors at tailormade clothing, silverware and jewellery. Fortnums says that foreign visitors are an important element in its London sales. The most frequent buyers are Japanese, French, American and increasingly Italian visitors.

In Oxford Street, London, Selfridges often has queues at its first floor export desk, which deals with VAT rebate claims. In the 12 months to the end of January, 53,350 foreign visitors from outside the European Community used the service, mainly for fashionwear purchases.

BAA, the former British Airports Authority, is investing £85 million to double retail space at its airports by 1996, mainly at Heathrow and Gatwick airports. Shopping at Stansted airport in Essex will also be boosted as its traveller volumes increase. Already Heathrow has nearly 100 shops and about 50 restaurants and bars.

Already one of the 30 largest retailing organisations in Britain, BAA will lose £60 million a year when duty free goods for nationals in the EC area are finally phased out in 1999. BAA revenue from all commercial activities, of which retailing is the biggest single element, last year amounted to £291.5 million. This was a third of its total income and showed a growth of nearly 6 per cent over the previous year.

Barry Gibson, BAA's group retail director, says: "We wanted to make the airport a good place for shopping. That meant getting in plenty of the big high street names with which people will feel most comfortable, and ensuring value for money."

There is also growth at non-BAA airports. At the local authority-owned Manchester Airport, a second terminal, just opened, has meant a doubling of shopping outlets to about 20. These include stores for Boots, Sock Shop, Tie Rack and Body Shop.

JULIAN HERBERT



Retail revenue: Barry Gibson, BAA's retail director at Heathrow

TREASURY LOSES MILLIONS

Channel shoppers threaten UK jobs

Buying liquor and tobacco elsewhere in the EC can be so cheap that Britons are hurrying across the Channel in large numbers determined to bring back all they can, *Derek Harris writes.*

Among those alarmed at the extent of this cross-border shopping is the Brewers' Society, the trade body for Britain's brewing industry. It found that in January, when the incidence of short cross-Channel trips is low, duty-paid personal imports had risen to nearly 10 per cent of the take-home beer market. That is equivalent to about 2 per cent of the total UK beer market and equal to the total production of a big regional brewer.

The society claims that cross-border shopping on this scale represents not only a £100 million loss to the Exchequer in duty and VAT on alcoholic drinks but threatens British jobs and businesses.

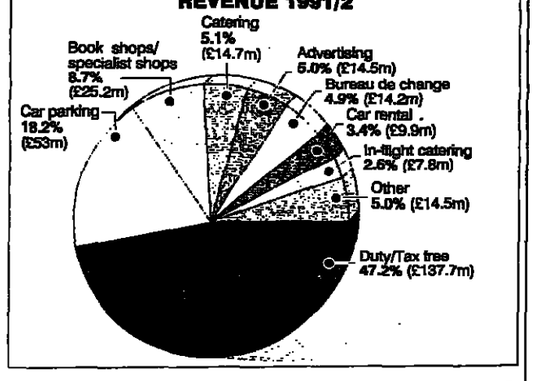
There are also reports of off-licence outlets, especially in the South East, being threatened with closure because of the growth of such competition.

Robin Simpson, the society's director, says that illegal commercial operations are being started on the basis of the cross-border trade. "There is", he says, "increasing evidence of low-priced drinks being hawked around."

British drinkers are paying just over 36p a pint more in taxes than their French counterparts. A 20 pack of Benson & Hedges king-size cigarettes has a recommended retail price of £2.37 in Britain but in France the price tag is £1.79, and in Spain it is markedly cheaper at the equivalent of £1.51. Greece is the bargain basement: there a pack costs £1.28.

Cross-border shopping after the advent of the single market has been accepted as likely to produce a substantial UK revenue loss. The 1993 loss figure for alcohol and tobacco combined has been put by the Treasury at £250 million.

A BREAKDOWN OF BAA'S COMMERCIAL REVENUE 1991/2



Boat-loads of cheap drink sail the seas

Cross-Channel ferries enjoy a duty free boom as millions go shopping

Changes in the rules on duties have brought a bonus for the ferry companies. At this time of year, when boats are usually running half empty, they are packed with vehicles and passengers on a one-day pilgrimage to French supermarkets.

Jim Hannah, director of communications at Stena Sealink, comments: "Ferry companies are enjoying a boom."

Passengers are stocking up their duty free allowance on the trips to France, buying large amounts of alcohol on shore. Then, armed with new boarding cards, they take advantage of a second duty free allowance on the way back.

Most come in cars or coaches, some drive lorries, many have shopping trolleys. The tactic is to buy spirits and expensive wines on board but pick up bottom-of-the-range wine on shore. The duty per bottle is so small that the ferry companies cannot compete with the cheapest wine.

Sales can be worth £80 million a year

Ferries are fast and frequent. P & O runs 25 ferries a day on the Dover to Calais route. The crossing takes 75-90 minutes and the hovercraft takes just over half an hour.

With the two largest ferries, the Pride of Dover and the Pride of Calais, carrying 2,300 pasengers each, P & O took 7.5 million passengers a year on just the one route. David Wilson at P & O says: "If you add up all the passengers we took to France last year, it comes to more than three times the number going through airports."

Mr Hannah says: "We see passengers going ashore with shopping trolleys and leaving them at the supermarket while they go off for lunch. When they return their order is waiting for them in their trolley. They are all known to the supermarket staff. They come back on board with two or three cases of beer or wine. I see night workers go over during the day."

One environmentally conscious passenger took a pile of empty bottles back across the Channel and stocked up again.

Some shipping companies run their own duty free shops while others franchise the operation to companies such as Allders International, which manages the shops of the Cunard cruise liners.

Mr Hannah says that Sealink considered franchising but decided it was better to handle duty free sales itself. Duty free sales can be worth £80 million a year in profits to a line such as Stena.

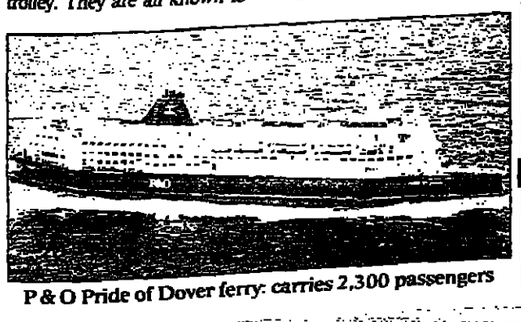
The most heavily used route for the one-day shopper is Dover to Calais, a reasonably accessible and fairly short run. Other routes are Harwich to Hook of Holland, Newhaven to Dieppe and the longer Southampton to Cherbourg trip. Two Sealink routes to Ireland — from Fishguard and Holyhead — also qualify as duty free runs.

P & O has several sailings, including Dover to Zeebruge, Felixstowe to Zeebruge and Portsmouth to Cherbourg and Le Havre. It begins a service to Bilbao in northern Spain on April 28.

Mr Hannah says: "We have been carrying out a highly successful promotion on the French runs, with return tickets costing only £1 and whisky, gin and cigarettes being sold at 1984 prices. Whisky cost only £5 a litre."

Ferry companies concede that without the profits from duty free sales, ferry fares would have to rise.

RODNEY HOBSON



P & O Pride of Dover ferry: carries 2,300 passengers

PASSENGERS TO EC DESTINATIONS

NOW YOU'RE ALLOWED DUTY FREE AT LEAST *TWICE.*



On your way out.

Now, with the coming of the single market, you'll find you're allowed at least twice as much duty free as you were before.

That's because, under new EC regulations, you're entitled to your full duty free limit on *each and every* journey when travelling between EC countries.

So you can buy your duty free limit of alcohol, tobacco and fragrances before you fly out. And as much again at the EC airport you travel back to the UK from.

And before you fly back.

Added to which, if you fly to other EC countries during your trip, then you can have your full duty free limit in each country you visit.

It's what you might call duty freedom.

These limits only apply to travel between the following countries: Belgium · Denmark · France · Germany · Greece · Italy · Luxembourg · Netherlands · Portugal · Republic of Ireland · Spain · United Kingdom.

B·A·A

Heathrow · Gatwick · Stansted · Southampton · Glasgow · Edinburgh · Aberdeen

DUTY FREE SHOPPING

NEWS

Muslims reject UN rescue

■ Muslim leaders in the besieged Bosnian town of Srebrenica yesterday turned away United Nations lorries which arrived to rescue 15,000 wounded and starving victims of the fighting. They fear that evacuating Muslims will further the Serb policy of "ethnic cleansing".

Their refusal came as UN peace talks in Sarajevo collapsed and a split widened between the United States and Europe on providing arms to the Bosniam Muslims ..... **Pages 1, 8**

Signs grow of recession's end

■ The biggest jump in house prices for four years and a sixth successive month of increased car sales gave clear indications the recession was ending. These signs support last week's claim by Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Bank of England governor, that the economy had turned the corner..... **Page 1**

Litter grouse

Unemployed Vaughan Watkins, 20, was fined £1,200 under the new means-testing system after being found guilty of tossing an empty crisp packet and other litter from his car. The case will add to the campaign against the system ..... **Page 1**

Test for Patten

John Patten is on collision course with the teachers' unions by announcing plans to press ahead with basic subject tests for more than one million schoolchildren this summer ..... **Page 2**

Rapes admission

The man charged with kidnapping Jo Ramsden, the Down's syndrome sufferer whose body was found in woods last year, admitted five kidnaps and three rapes of other mentally handicapped women..... **Page 3**

Burglary cost

Contents insurance premiums for families in four- and five-bedroom houses will rise by up to 60 per cent, partly because burglars have switched their attention from inner cities to the suburbs and rural areas. **Page 4**

Loveless on dole

Unemployment can damage your love life, according to a survey. A third of those out of work admit they make love less often since losing jobs .... **Page 6**

BBC facelift

The BBC is spending £650,000 on computerised presentation gimmickry for its television news programmes next week to fight off competition from Independent Television News and cable and satellite broadcasts .. **Page 6**

Moral lesson

Government advisers set out a new spiritual and moral code for schools, which they accused of doing too little to set standards of behaviour. Teachers will be asked to set an example in dress and language ..... **Page 7**

Clinton setback

A nine-day filibuster by Republican senators and three failed attempts by the Democrat majority to force a vote have forced President Clinton to scale back the $16bn recovery package. **Page 9**

Shuttle aborted

For the second time in as many weeks, the launch of a US space shuttle was aborted moments before takeoff yesterday..... **Page 9**

Bribes arrest

Gaetano Amendola, personal secretary of Arnaldo Forlani, former Italian prime minister, was arrested as Italy's corruption scandal rocked the Christian Democrats. He is alleged to have collected 1.2 billion lire (£500,000) in bribes .... **Page 10**

Aid for Russia

Japan will present a three-point proposal for additional joint aid for Russia when it chairs a special meeting of the Group of Seven industrial nations in Tokyo this month ..... **Page 11**

Judges' ruling threatens DAF

British operations of Leyland DAF face closure after three Appeal Court judges refused to force a key supplier to provide clutches and brakes. The ruling supported last week's High Court decision in favour of suppliers Automotive Products. Receivers from accounting firm Arthur Andersen will fight to keep the company going ..... **Page 1**



Cuddling up: one-eyed Nelson, only survivor among 12 cats rescued in one cruelty case, finds a friend in RSPCA inspector Ruth Harrold. The society yesterday said offences last year rose by 10 per cent and called for tougher penalties. Report, page 3

Rescue plan: Gateway, the debt-laden supermarket group, has tabled proposals that will isolate the business from the parent company's borrowings of £1 billion. Tesco increased profits by 6.5 per cent to £581 million last year ..... **Page 21**

Power sale: Investors in Britain and the Irish Republic will be able to register for preferential share allocations in the sale of Northern Ireland Electricity ..... **Page 22**

Markets: Sterling eased against the dollar, closing 1 cent lower at $1.5115, but gained 1.01 pfennig to DM2.4373. Shares made a strong start to the day but fell back later; the FT-SE 100 index ended 6.6 points lower at 2,832.2 **Page 24**

Racing: Sir Michael Connell, High Court judge and Jockey Club member, will lead an enquiry into the Grand National fiasco, along with Len Cowburn, the retired deputy chairman of William Hill, and trainer Stan Mellor ..... **Page 37**

Golf: An enduring mystery is Bernhard Langer's failure to win more than one major championship. This week he will tackle the Masters at Augusta, where eight years ago he took his big prize.. **Page 38**

Football: Rangers travel to Marseilles tonight knowing victory will give them a place in the European Cup final in Munich on May 26. A win for Marseilles would put them in the final..... **Page 40**

Going, going . . : "The last remaining verbalised compliment a British woman is likely to receive is 'Whoorrr' as she passes a building site." Sarah Mower on the death of the compliment..... **Page 13**

Fresh development: The plans for a city to the east of London were full of sound and fury but signified little to most people. Rachel Kelly explains what the East Thames Corridor will really be like ..... **Page 35**

Bear pit: TV discussion shows are often so short they become superficial or loud arguments .... **Page 28**

Kleptomaniac composers: *The Beggar's Opera*, which opens in London tonight, is stuffed with tunes whose melodies are either borrowed from folksongs or lifted from other composers. But virtually all the great names in music are guilty of this..... **Page 29**

Missing Mississippi: Endesha Ida Mae Holland's powerful play, *From the Mississippi Delta*, now on the London stage, has lost some of its resonance in crossing the Atlantic ..... **Page 30**

Culture carnival: Antwerp began its year as European City of Culture with a wealth of exhibitions, including a work by a forgotten Old Master and local lad ..... **Page 31**



Jimmy Knapp, leader of the RMT union, said it had decided to call another one-day rail strike on April 16 while rejecting an Easter stoppage **Page 3**



A hunt has begun for the German au pair Simone Schleiffer, 20, missing since she failed to meet a friend at Charing Cross in London on Saturday **Page 3**



Schoolmaster Kevin Jones always wanted to be a teacher. Now, at 34, educational reforms have driven him to think of giving it all up **Page 7**

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Catch as catch Cannes

■ Riviera hoteliers would like to lure back the older, less raucous British visitors but face more film festival mayhem. Can Cannes cope?

A leap too far?

■ Comedian Steve Martin's new film, *A Leap of Faith*, in which he plays a conman evangelical preacher, has trouble finding its feet

Falling in love again?

■ A German love-hate affair. A musical in Berlin about Marlene Dietrich adds another chapter to the ambivalent relationship between star and homeland

LEISURE

The debate on the effectiveness and morality of bombing German cities in the war is reopened by an expert panel (BBC2, 7.45pm) ..... **Page 39**

OPINION

Patten's programme

Chris Patten's theme is popular in Hong Kong. He must, under whatever pressure from Peking, the "advisers" it has recruited in Hong Kong or Foreign Office diplomats, stick to it ..... **Page 15**

Industrial evolution

Neither Michael Heseltine nor Robin Cook has managed to convince a nation that suffered from disastrous interventionist policies of the 1960s and 1970s that interventionism 1990s-style would be any more successful. The burden of proof rests with them..... **Page 15**

School of morality

Those who aspire to reconstruct a consensus on moral education must ask whether the fact of a multi-cultural community means that all ethical absolutes must be abandoned ..... **Page 15**

COLUMNS

ALAN COREN

I had always wanted a house in Hampstead, it would match my painstakingly battered typewriter and set me up a treat for the literary life. Hampstead's osmotic air would actually power that life: sucked into the carburettor, it would produce so rich a mixture with the blood as to ensure a heyday of creativity ..... **Page 14**

ROGER BOYES

David Howell gave us bombs for breakfast. It was time, he told *Today*, the early-morning radio programme, to think about bombing Serbian airfields and confront Serb militia on the ground. If that amounted to a war against Serbia, then so be it..... **Page 14**

COURTS

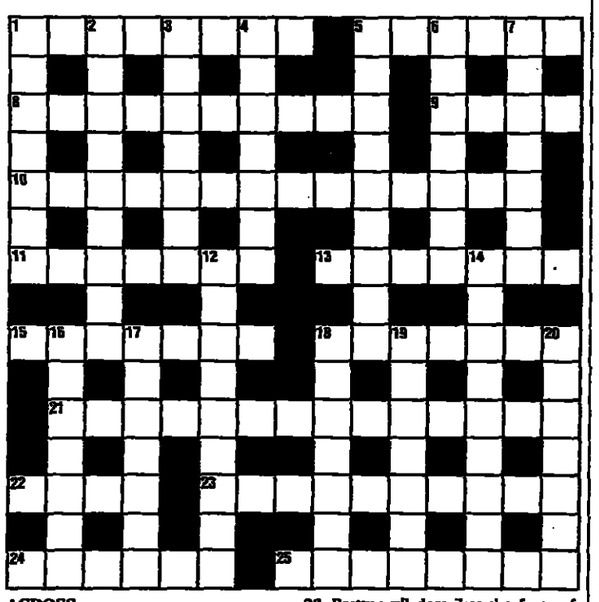
A case is put for more, and longer, custodial sentences..... **Page 15**

COMMENT

President Yeltsin's survival is the best assurance of America's interests. His enemies in parliament have made plain they would purge reformist ministers and also retain the Soviet-era constitution. At the very least they would press a more nationalist agenda, raising tensions with Ukraine, Georgia and the Baltic countries and chilling co-operation with the United States

— The New York Times

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,198



ACROSS

1 Apparently wins support, though contradicted (8).
5 Keep a watch on this chap (6).
8 Code of a non-police formation (10).
9 It may raise an old question of decline (4).
10 Flower-girl in play idle vocally (5,9).
11 Loss of energy? (7).
13 Curse instructive for Katherina (7).
15 Glove maker serves the family (7).
18 Case for a specialist at the Embassy (7).
21 Group leader is a model servant (8-6).
22 By word of mouth the castle lacks comfort (4).
23 Pretty well describes the force of gravity (10).
24 Bring to light by working a lever (6).
25 Jet needs volatile fuel initially (8).

DOWN

1 Refined chap with a slippery customer (7).
2 Incriminate member in unusual italic note (9).
3 Ruler takes a wife (7).
4 Elementary form is nothing to budding poet (7).
5 Creator, or Adam, for example (9).
6 Attract to take part in Macbeth (7).
7 Substitute for comfort (7).
12 Union lobby Council Chamber (9).
14 Tape of *Liszt* heard in entrance to 12 (9).
16 Watch old bowler initially deliver ball (7).
17 Could be useable as a main colour (3-4).
18 Country of grassland or range (7).
19 Bird almost electric when shifting (7).
20 Serious listener has a secluded retreat (7).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,197

D	E	C	O	C	T		E	S	O	T	E	R	I	C
E		O		O		Z		A		A		O		H
S	I	L	E	N	C	E		F	I	N	A	N	C	E
I		U		T		U	E		G		D		A	
C	O	M	P	E	N	S	A	T	E		L	E	A	P
C		B		S			Y		B		A			
A	D	A	P	T	O	R		P	E	R	T	U	R	B
T			A		E		I		A				R	
E	X	P	A	N	D	S		N	O	I	S	O	M	E
		A		T		E			N		L		A	
H	O	L	I	E		G	R	O	U	N	D	W	O	R	K
A		A		P		V		P		R		R		N
V	I	V	A	L	D	I		T	E	A	R	O	S	E
O		E		A		S		O		I		S		C
C	O	R	O	N	E	T	S		U	N	C	O	R	K

Concise Crossword, page 40

The Qualifier puzzle for The Times Knockando Crossword Championship will appear on Thursday, April 15.

WEATHER

For the latest region by region forecast, 24 hours a day, dial 0891 500 followed by the appropriate code.

Greater London	701
Kent,Surrey,Sussex	702
Dorset,Hants & IOW	703
Devon & Cornwall	704
Wilts,Glouca,Avon,Soms	705
Berks,Bucks,Oxon	706
Beds,Herts & Essex	707
Norfolk,Suffolk,Cambs	708
West Mid & Sth Glam & Gwent	709
Shrops,Hereids & Worcs	710
Central Midlands	711
East Midlands	712
Lincs & Humberside	713
Dyfed & Powys	714
Gwynedd & Clwyd	715
N W England	716
W & S Yorks & Dales	717
N E England	718
Cumbria & Lake District	719
S W Scotland	720
W Central Scotland	721
Edin S Fife/Lothian & Borders	722
E Central Scotland	723
Grampian & E Highlands	724
N W Scotland	725
Caithness,Orkney & Shetland	726
N Ireland	727

Weathercall is charged at 36p per minute (cheap rate) and 48p per minute at all other times.

AA ROADWATCH

For the latest AA traffic and road-works information, 24 hours a day, dial 0336 401 followed by the appropriate code.

London & SE traffic, roadworks	
C. London (within N & S Circs.)	731
M-ways/roads M4-M1	732
M-ways/roads M1-Dartford T	733
M-ways/roads Dartford T-M23	734
M-ways/roads M23-M4	735
M25 London Orbital only	736
National traffic and roadworks	
National motorways	737
West Country	738
Wales	739
Midlands	740
East Anglia	741
North-west England	742
North-east England	743
Scotland	744
Northern Ireland	745

AA Roadwatch is charged at 36p per minute (cheap rate) and 48p per minute at all other times.

TESSIERS
JEWELLERS & SILVERSMITHS
EST. 1851
The finest antique and period engagement rings. Our professional staff will also be delighted to discuss your special commission.
28 New Bond Street
London W1Y 0HY
071 629 0468

Northern Ireland will have outbreaks of rain, sometimes heavy. Scotland will be cloudy with some brighter spells. Outbreaks of rain, some heavy in places, will spread northeastwards. England and Wales will be bright in the east, although coastal areas may have some patchy drizzle. Western areas will be cloudy with outbreaks of rain, some heavy in places, moving erratically eastwards. Outlook: changeable.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Alaccio	14	57	c	Madrid	19	66	s
Alicante	20	68	s	Mallorca	19	66	s
Alex'dria	21	70	s	Malaga	18	64	s
Algiers	22	72	s	Malta	17	63	s
Amst'dm	9	48	r	Melb'rne	17	63	c
Athens	12	54	r	Miami*	31	88	s
Bahrain	35	82	s	Milan	16	61	s
Bangkok	35	95	f	Montreal*	6	43	s
Barbados*	29	84	s	Moscow	10	50	c
Barcelna	18	61	s	Munich	8	46	c
Belgrade	14	57	f	Naples	15	59	c
Berlin	10	50	f	N Delhi	29	84	s
Bermuda*	19	66	f	N York*	11	52	s
Biarritz	14	57	c	Nice	15	59	s
Bonn's	14	57	d	Oslo	4	39	c
Brussels	10	50	r	Paris	12	54	f
Budapst	15	59	s	Peking	12	54	s
B Aires*	22	72	c	Perth	23	73	s
Cairo	26	79	s	Prague	11	52	c
Chicago*	6	43	f	Reykjavik	7	45	s
Ch'church	19	66	s	Rhodes	13	55	r
Cologne	10	50	r	Rio de J 38			
Cphagn	6	43	c	100 s			
Corfu	17	63	s	Riyadh	32	90	f
Dublin	11	52	c	Rome	15	59	s
Dubrovnik	17	63	s	Salzburg	7	45	s
Faro	21	70	s	S F'risco*	14	57	s
Florence	8	46	f	Santiago*	24	75	s
Frankfurt	10	50	r	Seoul	11	52	f
Funchal	19	66	c	Sing'por	32	90	f
Geneva	11	52	r	St'kholm	6	43	c
Gibraltar	23	73	s	Strasb'rg	14	57	f
Helsinki	6	43	c	Sydney	27	81	s
Hong K	19	66	f	Tangier	19	66	s
Innsbruck	6	43	r	Tel Aviv	20	68	f
Istanbul	19	66	f	Tenerife	20	68	f
Jeddah	35	95	s	Tokyo	13	55	c
Jo'burg*	20	68	f	Toronto*	9	48	s
L Palmas	20	68	f	Tunis	21	70	f
La Tquel	11	52	s	Valencia	23	73	s
Lisbon	19	66	f	Vanc'ver*	9	48	f
Locarno	15	59	s	Venice	15	59	s
London	12	54	c	Vienna	10	50	f
L Angels*	17	63	f	Warsaw	9	48	c
Luxembg	9	48	r	Wash'ton*	8	46	c
Luxor	30	86	c	Wel'ton	17	63	f
				Zurich	12	54	f

* denotes figures are latest available

YESTERDAY

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 13C (55F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6pm, 82 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,005.9 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, Channel Islands, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 6C (43F); highest rainfall, Cuidrose, Cornwall, 1.06in; highest sunshine: Falmouth, Cornwall, 9.3hr.

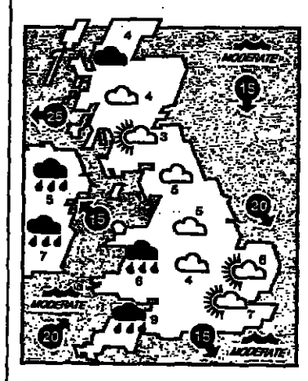
MARGATE

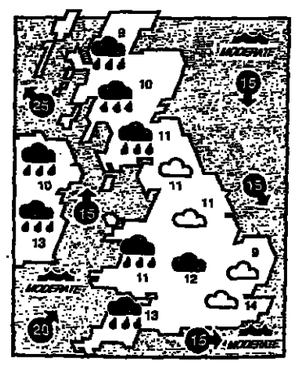
Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm: 0.05in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 7hr.

GLOUCESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 13C (55F); min 6pm to 6am, 6C (43F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.39in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.3hr.

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.4	0.50	9	48	rain
Anglesey	6.5	0.43	11	52	bright
Aviemore	3.2	0.16	9	48	rain
Belfast	3.8	0.72	10	50	hail
Birmingham	4.8	0.50	12	54	hail
Bognor Regis	6.7	0.33	13	55	rain
Bournemouth	9.9	0.51	13	55	shower
Bristol	8.2	0.49	11	52	shower
Buxton	5.0	0.75	10	50	bright
Cardiff	7.5	0.25	12	54	shower
Clacton	3.6	0.57	11	52	rain
Colwyn Bay	7.0	0.39	12	54	sunny
Cromer	-	0.31	12	54	rain
Edinburgh	5.6	0.14	11	52	shower
Eskdalemuir	1.9	0.76	8	46	rain
Exmouth	6.6	0.40	13	55	shower
Falmouth	9.3	0.77	13	55	sunny
Folkestone	4.5	0.38	12	54	rain
Guernsey	5.2	0.57	14	57	sunny
Hastings	4.9	0.38	11	52	sunny
Hunstanton	4.9	0.21	12	54	rain
Jersey	3.1	0.50	13	55	rain
Kinloss	3.0	-	11	52	rain
Leeds	5.9	0.13	12	54	shower
Lerwick	-	0.08	6	43	rain
Littlehampton	5.8	0.34	13	55	rain
Liverpool	6.6	0.17	11	52	rain
London	4.3	0.19	12	54	rain
Lowestoft	2.4	0.33	11	52	hail
Margate	3.4	0.14	13	55	rain
Minehead	6.7	0.46	13	55	sunny
Morecambe	4.5	0.60	11	52	shower
Newcastle	4.9	0.39	12	54	shower
Newquay	8.1	0.52	11	52	rain
Nottingham	6.4	0.22	13	55	rain
Penzance	9.3	0.64	12	54	gale
Plymouth	7.2	0.77	11	52	bright
Poole	4.9	0.78	13	55	shower
Scarborough	7.2	0.57	12	54	bright
Sandown	7.0	0.45	12	54	sunny
Scarborough	5.4	0.46	12	54	sunny
Scilly Isles	6.0	0.62	11	52	shower
Shanklin	6.7	0.35	12	54	sunny
Southend	4.5	0.13	13	55	shower
Southsea	6.1	0.39	12	54	rain
Stornoway	6.1	0.10	8	46	rain
Swanage	6.6	0.45	12	54	sunny
Teignmouth	7.3	0.66	13	55	bright
Tenby	8.4	0.69	11	52	sunny
Tiree	1.9	0.73	8	46	shower
Torquay	8.3	0.78	13	55	bright
Weymouth	7.0	0.35	12	54	shower
Wick	0.1	0.11	6	43	rain
Worthing	5.3	0.31	12	54	rain





LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 7.44 pm to 6.23 am
Bristol 7.54 pm to 6.32 am
Edinburgh 8.03 pm to 6.38 am
Manchester 7.55 pm to 6.28 am
Penzance 8.04 pm to 6.46 am

Sun rises: 6.23 am
Sun sets: 7.44 pm
Moon sets 6.13 am
Moon rises 9.18 pm

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	11	52	c	Guernsey	12	54	s
B'mingham	11	52	c	Inverness	8	46	c
Blackpool	10	50	s	Jersey	13	55	f
Bristol	10	50	c	London	12	54	c
Cardiff	11	52	s	M'chster	10	50	c
Edinburgh	10	50	f	Newcastle	11	52	c
Glasgow	12	54	f	R'nldsway	11	52	f

HIGH TIDES

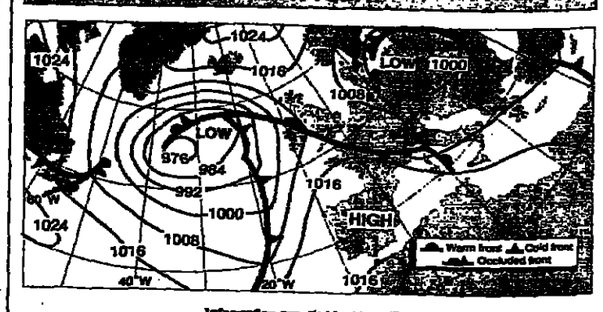
TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.45	7.4	3.13	7.5	Liverpool	12.02	9.8	12.22	10.1
Aberdeen	2.14	4.3	2.27	4.6	Lowestoft	10.39	2.4	10.45	2.7
Avonmouth	8.23	14.0	8.48	14.1	Margate	12.37	4.8	1.19	4.9
Belfast			12.08	3.8	Milford Haven	7.17	7.8	7.41	7.5
Cardiff	8.08	12.9	8.33	13.0	Newquay	6.07	7.5	6.31	7.5
Devonport	6.56	5.8	7.20	5.8	Oban	6.46	4.2	7.08	4.1
Dover			12.04	6.6	Penzance	5.51	5.9	6.16	5.9
Falmouth	6.26	5.6	6.50	5.6	Portland	7.55	2.3	8.23	2.3
Glasgow	2.01	4.6	2.03	4.9	Portsmouth	12.11	5.1	12.31	5.0
Harwich	12.40	4.0	1.10	4.1	Holyhead	0.00	6.6	12.19	6.5
Hull	11.19	8.0	11.41	5.9	Shoreham	11.53	4.7		
Ilfracombe	7.21	7.8	7.31	8.1	Southampton	7.27	10.4	7.48	10.2
King's Lynn	7.04	9.6	7.26	9.6	Swansea	4.41	5.6	4.55	5.8
Leith	3.27	6.8	3.56	6.0	Teas	12.29	4.3	1.00	4.4
					W'ton-on-Nze				

FOREX

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.25	2.05
Austria Sch	18.00	16.70
Belgium Fr	53.30	48.90
Canada $	2.03	1.87
Denmark Kr	9.97	9.17
Finland Mkk	9.47	8.67
France Fr	6.73	6.04
Germany Dm	2.58	2.38
Greece Dr	346.00	321.00
Hong Kong $	12.36	11.36
Ireland Pt	1.05	0.97
Italy Lire	2505.00	2360.00
Japan Yen	190.75	171.75
Netherlands Gld	2.900	2.670
Norway Kr	10.97	10.17
Portugal Esc	257.00	218.00
South Africa Rd	5.45	4.75
Spain Pta	180.00	167.00
Sweden Kr	12.12	11.32
Switzerland Fr	2.07	2.18
Turkey Lira	14900.0	13900.0
USA $	1.510	1.480
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	000.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

FLOOR TODAY



Information supplied by Met Office

©TIMES NEWSPAPERS LIMITED 1993. Published and printed by Times Newspapers Ltd at 1 Virginia Street, London E1 9XN, telephone 071-782 5000 and at Knowsley Park Industrial Estate, Kirkby Road, Prescot, Merseyside, L34 9HY, telephone 051-546 2000. Wednesday, April 7, 1993. Registered as a newspaper at the Post Office.

إ هكذا من الأصل إ

APRIL 7 1993

TV LISTINGS

...bate on ... and ity of bom... German cities war is ... by an expert (BBC2, 7.45pm) ... Page 39

OPINION

...ten's programme

... Patten's ... popular in ...g Kong. ... under what- ...pressure from ... the "ab- ...s" it has ... in Hong ...g or Foreign ... diplomats, ...to it ... Page 15

...lustrial evolution

...her Mich... decline not ...in Cook has ... need to con- ...e a nation ... inferal from ...strous ... that politics ...e 1960s and ... that inter- ...tionism ... would be ... more succe... ... burden of ...of rests wi... Page 15

...chool of morality

...se who ... construct a ...iserious ... education ...ist ask wi... ... fact of a ...ulti-cultural ... this means ...it all ethic... must be ...andoned... Page 15

CO... ENTS

...LAN CORE...

...had alw... ...ways ...ampstead... ...which ...ansaking ... ...ke me a... ... literate ...fe Hum... ...ne an ...ound acti... ...not life ...icket ... ...ctive ...ould pr... ...mature ...with the ba... ...ve a new ...lay of cruel... Page 14

ROGER EC... ES

...Dav... ...by ...ons ... ...ne ...dar... ...ne ...gramme ... ...Serious ... ...milita... ...ne ...amalgam... ...ne ...thing be... Page 14

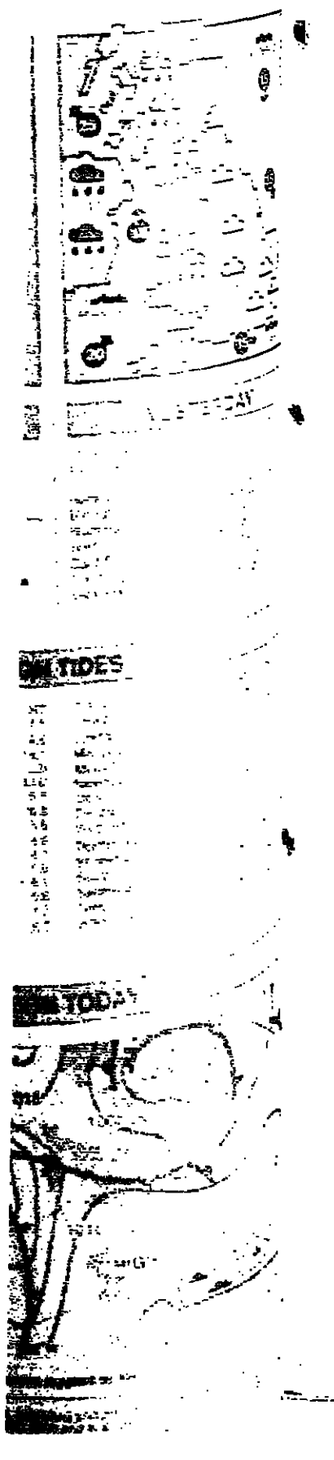
...LE... ERS

...A citi... ...Page 17 ...ourselves...

...THE BUFFERS

...TIDES

...TODA...





HOMES 35

Knock-down bargains of Britain



ARTS 29-31

Dudley Moore plays Mozart and Gershwin



SPORT 36-40

Langer seeks to master Augusta again

MEDIA: BEWARE THE TV TALK SHOW
Page 28

THE TIMES

2

WEDNESDAY APRIL 7 1993

BUSINESS TODAY

EXTENDING

SHELL and Esso are to spend £1.3 billion to extend, by at least ten years, the life of Brent, Britain's biggest North Sea oil and gas field
Page 23

DEFENDING

As the economic downturn makes its impact felt across France, the country's defence industry is an *unlikely star*
Page 25

ACCEPTING

TIP Europe, the trailer rental group, accepted a £71 million bid from General Electrical Capital Corporation, of America
Page 22

THE POUND

US $ .....1.5115 (-0.0100)
German mark..2.4373 (+0.0101)
Exchange index.....79.7 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .....2832.2 (-6.6)
Dow Jones ...3381.08 (+1.89)*
Nikkei Avge 19486.80 (-272.66)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base..... 6%
3-month Interbank 5 15/16-5 7/8%
US Federal Funds 3%*
3-month Treas Bills 2.92-2.90%*
Long Bond 7.01%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.5138*	£:$ 1.5130
$:DM ..1.6125*	£:DM ...2.4397
$:SWfr..1.4885*	£:SWfr...2.2544
$:Fr .. 5.4613*	£:Fr 8.2610
$:Yen .113.90*	£:Yen ...172.97
£:SDR ..1.0800	£:ECU ..1.2540

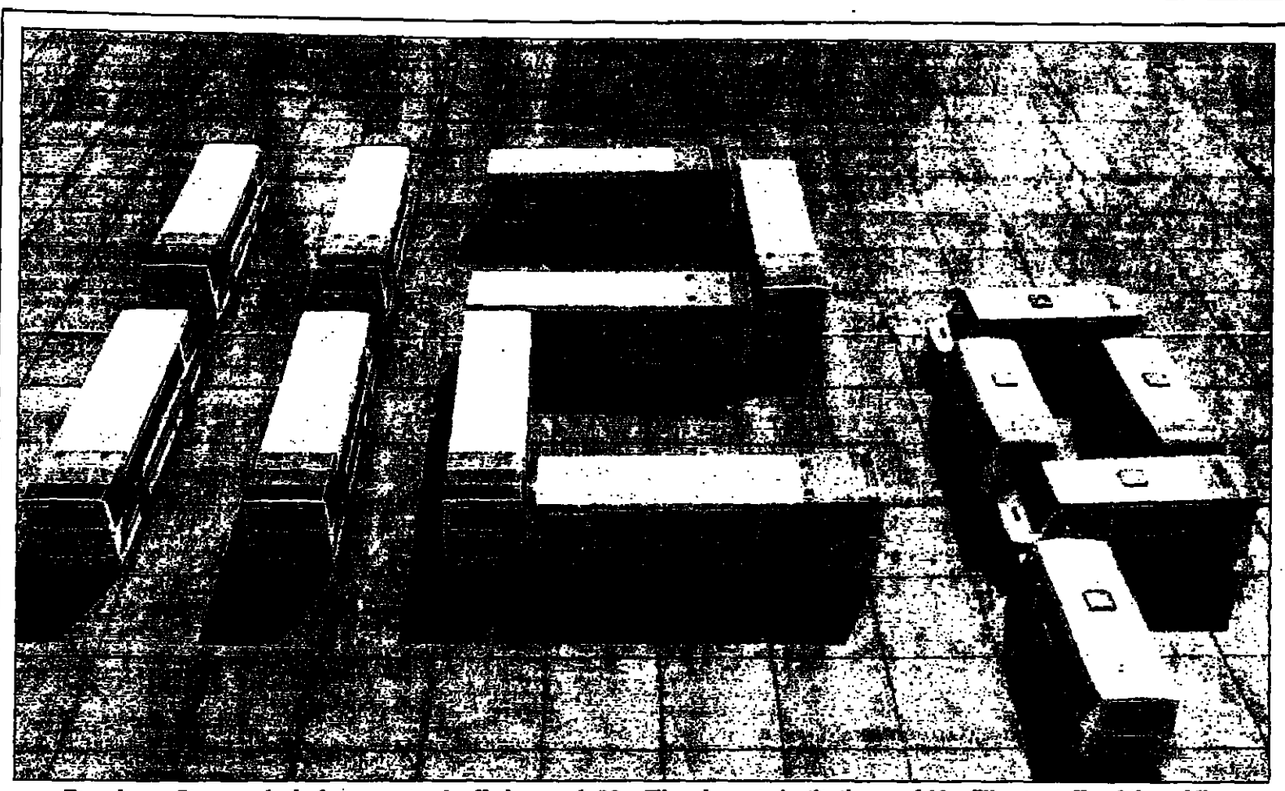
London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 338.45 ..... PM 338.40
Close 337.70-338.20
New York:
Comex 338.95-339.45*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..... 138.8 February (1.8%)
* Denotes midday trading price



Fare shares: Stagecoach, the bus operator, is offering nearly 22 million shares to institutions and 12 million to staff and the public

Stagecoach plans flotation at 112p a share

BY SARAH BAGNALL

ALL aboard for the stock *market flotation of bus* operator Stagecoach, which is offering shares at 112p each.

The offer and placing of 33,504,954 shares, representing 28 per cent of the enlarged equity, values the Perth firm at £134.4 million. The offer, for which applications *close on Friday, April 16, will* raise £20.6 million for acquisition.

A total of 21.8 million shares are being offered to institutional investors, with the balance of 11.7 million going to the public and employees. After the sale, the company's founders, Brian Souter, chairman, and his sister, Ann Gloag, managing director, will hold 27 per cent and 22 per cent of the equity.

The company has grown rapidly since it started in 1980 with two buses, which grossed £19 on their first Dundee to London trip. At the end of last year, the company had a fleet of 3,300 buses and a turnover of £140 million. In the 36 weeks to January 9, Stagecoach made pre-£9.8 million pre-tax profits, outstripping the previous full year's £8.2 million. The directors are forecasting a *£12.3 million* pre-tax profit for the year to end-April

The rise reflects the fall in UK interest rates and improved operating margins. Stagecoach, which expects to cut costs further, believes the best opportunity for future profitable growth comes from the government's planned privatisation of the remaining 32 municipal bus operators and ten operating companies within London buses.

Other acquisition opportunities are expected to arise in the UK private bus sector and from overseas.

Isosceles agrees £1.4bn refinancing with banks

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

ISOSCELES, the debt-laden supermarket group, has negotiated a £1.4 billion refinancing with its banks in a bid to stay alive. But some analysts are sceptical. One said: "Gateway still has a heavy debt burden. It is not obvious that it will survive."

Isosceles was created by David Smith, its former chief executive, in April 1989 to bid for Gateway, then a flagging *supermarket* chain. Its successful £2.2 billion bid, one of the biggest leveraged buyouts of the eighties, was contested by a consortium led by Wasserstein Perella, who later became a leading shareholder in the new group.

Under the terms of the restructuring — the third in the group's history — the Gateway supermarket chain is effectively protected from the bulk of Isosceles' £1.4 billion of debt by the creation of Gateway Holdings as a subsidiary. The new company will assume responsibility for £500 million of Isosceles' £1.4 billion of debt, but will have no liability for the remainder, which will continue to be held by Isosceles. Gateway will also be given an additional £80 million of working capital, which includes £50 million of new facilities from existing lenders.

David Simons, the chief executive, said yesterday: "Our prime objective was to reduce Gateway's debt and give it the money to take the business forward." Gateway will now be able to invest £100 million in the business over the next two years to upgrade systems, expand its discount Food Giant stores and relaunch the old Gateway chain.

A source close to the company said: "Without this restructuring, Gateway could not have continued to exist." The chain was forced to service an interest bill of about £140 million a year out of operating *profit of only £100 million.* Interest payments will now be at a more manageable £45 million a year, with no payment due until 1998.

Isosceles' debt will be serviced by dividend payments from Gateway Holdings. A new board, initially consisting of Ernest Sharp, chairman, David Simons, Michael Biondi of Wasserstein Perella, and two non-executive directors representing the senior and mezzanine lenders, will decide the level of dividend payments. Mr Simons said: "Gateway will be the strategic driver of the business."

The remaining £923 million of debt has been restructured into £256 million of senior facilities, £400 million of deep discount bonds and £267 million of new Isosceles preference shares. New ordinary shares will also be issued to senior and mezzanine lenders, giving them 55 per cent of the enlarged ordinary share capital. Existing shareholders will be left with 45 per cent. Wasserstein Perella has finally written down 70 per cent of its $400 million equity holding.

Although Isosceles will hold all share capital in Gateway Holdings, special shares will be given to senior lenders, which will give them 51 per cent of voting rights and effective control.

The proposals have been agreed by Midland Bank, Samuel Montagu, GE Capital and Wasserstein Perella. Approval will be sought from the remaining lenders by the end of next month.

Tempus, page 25

Fisons suffers as drug work stops

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

FISONS shares fell 25p to 169p yesterday, after the group stunned the City by halting development work on tipredane, a steroid intended to treat asthma and rhinitis and one of only two drugs in the company's research pipeline that were close to coming on the market.

The news is the latest blow to Fisons that in less than 18 months has lost its chairman and had two products banned by the American Food and Drug Administration.

Over the past four years, Fisons has charged £21 million to its profits to cover the cost of tipredane. About £8 million went on clinical trials.

On March 7, Fisons accompanied full-year results with the statement: "Fisons' two key development compounds, tipredane and remacemide, are progressing to schedule. Efficacy data from early Phase II clinical trials of tipredane, the new inhalation steroid, support the view that it provides a novel treatment for asthma without the side effects usually associated with steroids."

Cedric Scroggs, the chief executive, said yesterday that at a conference last week sponsored by Kleinwort Benson, the securities house, he had been "careful to shy away from making a specific comment" on tipredane because he had begun to get an indication from one of the trials that all was not well. The full result of the trials came in on Monday night and was announced yesterday.

Tipredane was licensed to Fisons by Bristol-Myers Squibb.

Mr Scroggs said: "Despite its excellent safety profile, tipredane in early clinical trials has not demonstrated the level of efficacy which would be likely to prove therapeutically useful. The tipredane development programme was on schedule, with earliest introductions planned for 1997. Development costs have been written off as they were incurred."

Mr Scroggs added that Fisons was still waiting to hear from the American Food and Drug Administration over whether it wanted to reinspect the Holmes Chapel, Cheshire, plant which makes Opticrom, an eye treatment that had to be withdrawn from sale in America.

The group's horticultural division is up for sale, but Mr Scroggs said that the British and American parts may be sold separately.

Tempus, page 25

Tesco rings up bigger market share



Sir Ian: still climbing

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

TESCO, one of the big three British food retailers, has continued to demonstrate the sector's resilience in the teeth of the recession with further impressive growth in sales, profits, margins and market share.

Turnover rose 7 per cent to £8.13 billion in the 52 weeks to February 27 and pre-tax profits advanced by 6.5 per cent to £581 million from £546 million, despite a £34 million fall in interest receivable because of the group's big capital spending programme.

Comparisons for last year are made less impressive because the previous accounting period was for 53 weeks. On a like-for-like basis sales would have been up 9 per cent and profits 8.5 per cent. Sales in existing stores grew 1.5 per cent last year, but this was outstripped by an inflation figure of 2.4 per cent, and like-for-like volumes were down 0.9 per cent.

Tesco's operating margins rose from 7.1 per cent previously to 7.6 per cent. Sir Ian MacLaurin, the chairman, said the group's market share had grown from 9.4 per cent to 9.7 per cent, although the group still stays as Britain's second biggest grocer behind J Sainsbury. Shareholders are rewarded with a final dividend of 4.85p, making a 7.1p total, increased from 6.3p.

Sir Ian said total sales since the year end had continued to climb by more than 9 per cent. The devaluation of the pound had had little effect on food prices as yet, but Tesco is expecting food price inflation to edge up towards 3-4 per cent from its current level of 2 per cent.

Tempus, page 25

Strategy that should start at home



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

To preserve the vestiges of Leyland DAF by the hands-off, free-market route was always going to be messy. Creating a fragile federation of new companies from one failed group leaves an awful lot to go wrong. The longer solutions take to set up, the more likely the trick is to fail. For the most part, the receivers have managed to keep suppliers in line and even actively co-operating but it only needs one member of the awkward squad, such as AP, to stop production. That would hasten the draining of business confidence and dealer loyalty and eventually leave little to save.

There are two lessons to be drawn from this. The first, drawn by the Labour party in its latest attempt at a business-friendly strategy for manufacturing industry, is that government should adopt the continental approach of intervening quickly to retain industrial capacity and technology. The second is that, if skilful receivers find it hard going to keep rival businesses working together in what appears their own direct interest, a Labour government would face a vertically uphill struggle to gain co-operation in "the national interest" from most businessmen, who are deeply suspicious of its intentions. Given the lack of success of government efforts, there is certainly a market opportunity for an active policy to aid industry, but there is a fundamental snag. As I argued here last week, Michael Heseltine's attempt to back British business on the French model — but without money — was quickly exposed as a sham because industrialists were not prepared to muck in. Businessmen were well disposed towards Mr Heseltine's ideas, unlike those they associate with Labour. Most, however, are conditioned to assume their own company's interests are likely to be opposite to anything different that Whitehall wants, and prepared to co-operate only in exchange for large cheques from taxpayers.

Labour has, perforce but sensibly, decided to meet its image problem head-on by trying to work out policies with industry in the hope that it might come to office with something that will work and without the incubus of hostility from the people who would have to make it work. Its document is full of tired old solutions and prejudices that, with luck, will be shed during this process. It also contains many useful ideas. These vary from modest initiatives, such as industrial bonds, to grand strategies, such as adopting the Far East practice of government identifying, and promoting through private business, new industries and technologies the country needs to develop — an idea as old as the invention of the watch.

The first input from industry might be that Labour should really decide whether John Smith's slogan that "Labour means business" is anything more than a slogan. A useful starting point is its proposal that "the rest of Whitehall must understand that it also must support the national priority of rebuilding our industrial base. There should be a requirement for an impact statement to accompany new government policy on how it will affect British industry". This should begin with party policy. One of the most depressing aspects of the demise of socialism has been the search for new enemies, which has led to a kind of indiscriminate iconoclasm. Former socialists, whether still in the Labour party or catapulted across to the new Right, vie with each other to attack the nation's established institutions. Gordon Brown, now shadow Chancellor but previously trade and industry spokesman, developed a particularly sterile form of populist consumerism taken up with gusto in the media. This targets privatised utilities, banks, building societies, even supermarket groups as *ex officio* enemies of the people. While Labour still likes to draw the distinction between romantic but ailing manufacturers and the successful but overprivileged financial and service sectors, the three are not distinguishable in any national industrial effort. British Telecom, for instance, is at the forefront of the sort of technologies we need. The privatised water industry is a world-beater in exportable new environmental business. If Labour is to change the culture of business from short-term concentration on costs to long-term focus on expansion, it will first need to change its own culture.

Upper *class.*



Use of only the finest leather, for both uppers and soles, lends our shoes an air of nobility which, in this instance, money can buy.
Church's famous English shoes, from £110 to £220 a pair.

NORTHAMPTON ENGLAND
Church's
famous English shoes

CHURCH & CO (FOOTWEAR) LTD. ST JAMES NORTHAMPTON NN5 5JB

NIE sell-off may attract strong Irish interest

■ Advisers are bracing themselves for strong investor interest in the Irish Republic, fuelled by a television campaign that will be seen on both sides of the border

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

INVESTORS in both mainland Britain and the Republic of Ireland will be invited to register for preferential share allocations in the sale of Northern Ireland Electricity (NIE).

The £300-400 million privatisation will be the first public flotation of a state-owned company in the province, even though its residents are among Britain's keenest privatisation investors.

Each of Northern Ireland's 1.5 million residents will qualify for priority shares and perks as NIE customers under the now-usual loose privatisation definition. Government advisers will also send details to more than 750,000 Britons who have bought shares in previous privatisations.

But because television advertisements for the float, broadcast in Northern Ireland, can be received by 70 per cent of Ireland's 3 million population, advisers are also bracing themselves for strong interest south of the border.

Simon Linnett, a director at NM Rothschild, the merchant bank advising the government, said retail investors from anywhere in the European Community would be able to register for priority shares. But he added that the television transmission overlap added a new dimension to the privatisation.

"There is likely to be some interest from investors in the republic," he said. The company and its advisers will make special presentations to the Dublin financial community. To qualify for priority, retail investors will have to register with the NIE share information office, which opened its hotline number, 0232-232 232, yesterday.

The arrangements for flotation of NIE will share many features of the sale of the regional electricity companies in mainland Britain, completed more than two years ago.

There will be special incentives for pensioners and the company's 3,750 employees, and discounts on bills or bonus shares for customers who are long-term holders. Shares will be payable on instalments, and there will be "share shops" at bank branches to help NIE customers sell their shares early if they wish.

Retail investors will be encouraged to take up a large part of the sale. "We believe that this industry in particular is very appropriate for private investors," said Mr Linnett. "This is a company for the future and for the long term and which hopefully can be bought and passed on to grandchildren."

Institutions throughout Britain will also be targeted. Mr Linnett said he did not believe they would be put off by concerns over terrorism.

Investors will have little chance of assessing the merits of the offer until mid-May, when a pathfinder prospectus will reveal profits for the year to end-March.

Since the government sold NIE's four power stations in three trade sales, raising £350 million last year, the business now on offer is much more like the regional electricity companies in England and Wales than their vertically integrated Scottish counterparts.

The need to keep a substantial surplus capacity for an isolated system, a reliance on imported fuels, especially oil, and the absence of competition from gas, make power prices in Northern Ireland some of the highest in the United Kingdom and give NIE, which is chaired by Sir Desmond Lorimar, an important role in the economy of the province.

A requirement for heavy investment by NIE, both in reinforcing its transmission system and in the construction of a 250mw interconnector to enable power imports from Scotland also sets the company apart from its English peers. But this will provide strong upward pressure on power prices which only cost-cutting is likely to counteract.

Trade unions seem to have modified their earlier resistance to the sale. But there is no doubt the pace of job losses will accelerate once the company has been transferred to the private sector.

CRISPIN RODWELL



A first for the province: Sir Desmond Lorimar, left, and Sir Patrick Mayhew, Northern Ireland secretary

Struggling TIP Europe in full-circle US takeover

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

TIP Europe, the struggling trailer rental group, has come full circle and accepted a takeover offer from the American group from which it was spun off in a management buyout in 1986.

The price at which General Electrical Capital Corporation, the financial services arm of General Electric of America, has agreed to buy TIP is not greatly different from the price at which the group was bought by the management.

GE is offering £71 million and has the blessing of TIP's management and the biggest shareholder with 9.9 per cent of the shares.

The business was first bought out at £60 million and floated on the stock market at £83 million. But since the management took over the trailer rental fleet has doubled in size, to a little more than 17,000, while the group's debts have spiralled to £130 million.

TIP emphasised the difficult state of its markets with half-way figures to end-January that showed pre-tax profits reduced from £3.08 million to £2.25 million, after losses from a Dutch subsidiary that provides modular accommodation. The interim dividend has been reduced from 0.64p to 0.4p, but shareholders accepting the General Electric offer will be entitled to receive it.

David Callear, the chief executive, said while the group's long-term prospects were as exciting as they have ever been, trading had seen a deterioration over the past 12 months and was showing no immediate signs of improving.

Although he fought shy of predicting his company's eventual financial collapse, Mr Callear said that without access to GE's source of low-cost funding, available by virtue of the corporation's AAA credit rating in America, TIP would find it difficult to participate fully in any economic upturn.

The bid, which represents a price/earnings multiple of 13 on the last reported full-year profits, therefore removed "any long-term uncertainty," he added.

GE, which has been in talks with TIP since last year, is offering 42p in cash for every TIP share, prompting a rise of 15p to 40½p in the share price.

In November 1991, TIP launched a 40p-a-share rescue rights issue to cut borrowings after breaching banking covenants and also carried out a management shake-up.

HAL Investments, a Dutch finance company with 9.9 per cent of the shares, says it will accept if no higher offer emerges, and the directors, who speak for another 0.6 per cent of the share capital, have bound themselves to accept. HAL's director on the board, however, is abstaining from any decision because of a perceived conflict of interest.

GE, expanding rapidly in the field of financial and other services in Europe and already the world's biggest container-leasing company, was bound until two years ago by a non-competition agreement in the trailer rental market in Europe signed at the time of the management buyout, said Robert Agams, chairman and chief executive of GE Capital's Modular Space subsidiary.

When TIP Europe went its own way the group retained control of the business outside Europe, which also trades under the TIP name.

Tempus, page 25

Laird raises payout for 21st year

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

THE Laird Group, the sealing systems and industrial products concern, has, for the 21st successive year, increased its annual dividend. Total 1992 payment rises from 10.2p to 10.5p a share, after pre-tax profits in the year ended December 31 rose from £21.3 million to £36.2 million.

John Gardiner, chairman, says Laird entered 1993 in a healthy financial position and is well placed for acquisitions and internal investment. Group profits this year will have to take the strain of lower demand from the automotive industry in continental Europe, although the devaluation of sterling is helping to ease these pressures, he adds.

Group turnover was £600.7 million (£523.8 million), on which operating profits from continuing operations of £46.3 million (£36.6 million) were achieved.

Laird says the proposed changes to advance corporation tax, as outlined in the Budget, should modestly benefit the group's tax charge and earnings.

Group strategy remains a strong balance between automotive and non-automotive activities, Mr Gardiner says. The shares fell 5p to 277p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Zeneca sells off Tribol lubricants to Burmah

ZENECA, the bioscience business of ICI soon to be demerged, yesterday sold Tribol, its industrial lubricants division, to Burmah Castrol for $48.25 million. Tribol is based in California, operates in Germany and 50 other countries, and clearly did not fit in to Zeneca but provides a rare opportunity for Burmah to make an "in-fill" acquisition in specialty industrial lubricants. ICI picked up Tribol in 1985 when it took over Beatrice Chemical. It went into ICI's Specialties division.

Burmah is placing 4.5 million shares at 705p each to pay for the deal. It says the acquisition will not dilute earnings. Burmah shares yesterday fell 10p to 738p. Burmah says Tribol's marketing is similar to Castrol's and that it fits particularly well with Optimol, the German specialty grease and lubricants manufacturer acquired by Castrol in 1990. Tribol's main customer industries are mining, automotive, steel, cement and paper.

City Centre advances

SOME recovery and the opening of new sites helped City Centre Restaurants, owner of the Garfunkels, Deep Pan Pizza and Filling Station restaurant chains, to advance 24.2 per cent in full-year profits. Pre-tax profits rose to £11.3 million in the year to end-December, against £9.1 million, on turnover ahead 12.3 per cent to £89.6 million. But Phillip Kaye, chief executive, said trading conditions remained depressed. Final dividend is 1.12p (1.01p) a share, giving 1.57p (1.46p) for the year. The shares firmed 2p to 85p.

Peregrine advances

PEREGRINE Investments, the Hong Kong securities house that has a 24.9 per cent stake in Invesco MIM, the UK fund management group, lifted pre-tax profits 106 per cent to HK$710.2 million (£60.7 million) for the year to end-December 1992. There was an extraordinary profit of HK$68.3 million, up from HK$15.4 million last time, from the group's share in the profit of Kwong Sang Hong International, a 37 per cent-owned associate company. Peregrine has lifted its dividend 26.5 per cent to HK$0.105.

Bensons cash call

BENSONS Crisps, Britain's fourth-largest crisps and snacks maker, is calling on shareholders for £5.3 million to help fund the building of a £6 million factory and warehouse at Kirkham, Lancashire. The five-for-four rights issue at 58p a share has been underwritten by Smith New Court, which is also joint brokers to the issue. Production at the new plant, which replaces three small sites, is expected to begin in December. Bensons, which is quoted on the USM, plans to apply for a full listing. The shares ended 6p lower at 66p.

BICC stays cautious



BICC, the cables and construction group, has detected "encouraging signs of increasing business activity in the UK" over the past few months. But Robin Biggam, right, the chairman, said it would be some time before the benefits were felt at the group, which owns Balfour Beatty. Trade was picking up in Australia and America but Europe was still heading towards recession because of the cost of German unification, Mr Biggam said. He told the annual meeting ratification of the Maastricht treaty by the UK would help Europe to pull out of slump as it would end uncertainty about EC integration.

Frost profits jump

PROFITS at Frost Group, the independent petrol retailer, jumped to £5.7 million from £2.5 million in 1992 as it added 57 new sites to its Save Service Stations portfolio. Frost has exceeded its forecast of growing from 79 to 100 sites, made when it refloated out of the collapsed Norfolk House Group in 1991. The group increased sales by 50 per cent to £124 million in 1992, has almost nil gearing and seeks another 50 sites this year. Earnings per share rose 78 per cent to 7.9p and the dividend for the year, pre-scrip issue, is 12.1p (2p).

Headlam buys rival

HEADLAM, the floor coverings and fabrics group, is buying Shulman, a Glasgow-based rival, for £2.1 million as part of an expansion plan that includes building a new distribution centre. The Northampton-based company has launched a £5.1 million one-for-four rights issue and announced a jump in pre-tax profits for 1992 to £1.1 million from £300,000 previously. Shulman had sales in the year to January 31 of £5.3 million and profits of £215,000. Headlam expects it to make a contribution to profits this year.

Publisher's profits up

INDEPENDENT Newspapers, which includes publishing operations in Ireland and Britain, a 20 per cent stake in Australian Provincial Newspapers and a French outdoor advertising business, achieved record profits in the year to December 25. Operating profit rose from Ir£16.2 million to Ir£23.4 million (£23.4 million) on turnover 9 per cent higher at Ir£169.9 million, and pre-tax profit rose from Ir£7.97 million to Ir£16 million. Total dividend is up from Ir14p to Ir15.5p a share. A two-for-three capitalisation issue is proposed.

United Friendly Group plc

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1992

- Pre-tax profits up 16.4% to £23.4 million.
- Earnings per share up 13.9% to 23.0 pence.
- Dividends per share for the year up by 17.9% to 14.5 pence.
- Premium income up 22% to £289 million.
- New life annual premiums up by 26% to £25.9 million.

	1992 £m	1991 £m
Premiums — Life	200.6	165.8
— General	88.1	71.7
Life business profits	11.2	10.7
General business underwriting loss	(1.9)	(4.0)
Shareholders other income and expenditure	14.1	13.4
Profit attributable to shareholders	18.9	15.6
Dividend per share	14.5p	12.3p
Earnings per share	23.0p	20.2p

The board recommends the payment of a final dividend of 9.6p per share to be paid on 20 May 1993 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 29 April 1993.
The notice for the annual general meeting to be held on 7 May 1993 and the 1992 annual report and accounts will be sent to shareholders on 13 April 1993. Copies of the annual report may be obtained from the Secretary.
United Friendly Group plc, 42 Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 9HE
Telephone: 071-928 5644 Fax: 071-261 9077

Torday & Carlisle in the red

BY OUR CITY STAFF

TORDAY & Carlisle, the engineering group, slumped into an operating loss of £0.7million in 1992, compared with a profit of £1.4 million in 1991.

After the failure to sell Oldham Signs, its troubled neon-lighting subsidiary, Paul Torday, chief executive, has decided to pile more bad news into the 1992 results.

In addition to a £2.5 million write-off on restructuring at Oldham, the company has chosen to take an £8.2 million hit on Oldham's goodwill: the sum has already been written off through balance sheet reserves and the provision is made to comply with best accounting practice. The combined effect of the provisions is to send Torday & Carlisle into a pre-tax loss of £13.3 million for the year, compared with a profit of £25,000 in 1991.

The company wants Oldham to break even this year, having reduced the size of the business from £15 million to £11 million.

Torday & Carlisle's other arm, DMI, which reconditions diesel engines for ships, has suffered from the decline in world trade, but Mr Torday says there has been a fragile improvement in the shipping market at the start of the year. Restructuring at DMI cost £0.8 million in 1992, with the closure of a UK plant and the concentration of resources on its reconditioning plant in Holland.



Torday: bad news year

That leaves Torday & Carlisle with two surplus properties in the UK that are due to be sold. The company hopes that disposals will make a substantial dent in group net borrowings of £7.5 million and year-end gearing of 109 per cent.

Lack of distributable reserves means that Torday & Carlisle is unable to pay a dividend and the company intends to seek approval from shareholders for a capital restructuring, in due course. The loss per share is 81.8p (4.6p).

Landlords fear legal change

BY CARL MORTISHED

LANDLORDS fear government plans to abolish privity of contract on commercial property leases in England and Wales will dent signs of a revival in property investment.

They predict a flurry of court cases over interpretation of the new law. And Scottish landlords say the proposals may not help tenants.

Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, said last week the government would implement most of the proposals for reforming commercial leases in the 1988 Law Reform Commission report, "Landlord and Tenant Law: Privity of Contract". These would abolish a principle whereby a tenant remains liable for rent due on a lease even after he has assigned it to a third party. Many former tenants are being forced into bankruptcy because of the failure of assignees and the resulting claims by landlords for payment of rent.

The commercial property industry was relieved the reforms would not affect existing leases but John Parry, managing director of Hammerson, said property would become a less attactive investment. "To me, it is a tenant-loaded proposal. It puts us in a worse position than in Scotland," he said.

In England and Wales, currently a landlord cannot unreasonably refuse to consent to the assignment of a lease and privity of contract provides the property owner with a guarantee of income from the party to whom he originally let the property, if a subsequent tenant fails to pay.

The property industry sees little logic for reform when the market is awash with space and tenants have the upper hand in negotiations. Richard Lay, commercial property spokesman at the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, says in many cases privity of contract is excluded from leases. Mr Parry and others in the industry want measures to ensure they have some control over the quality of assignees. Without that, he says, a two-tier investment market could result, where post-reform leases would suffer from uncertainty of covenant and be valued accordingly.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

EPWIN GROUP (Fin)
Pre-tax: £3.1m (£2.91m)
EPS: 11.8p (12.3p)
Div: 4.7p, mkg 6.8p

IPECO HLDGS (Fin)
Pre-tax: £3.3m (£3.38m)
EPS: 7.72p (8.18p)
Div: 2.3p, mkg 3.6p

INTNL BUSINESS COMMS
Pre-tax: £752,000
EPS: 0.53p (LPS: 2.9p)
Div: Nil (nil)

FBD HLDGS (Fin)
Pre-tax: £11.5m (£9.33m)
EPS: 17.47p (13.02p)
Div: 2.5p, mkg 4.5p

ARAN ENERGY (Fin)
Pre-tax: £2.61m (£5,000)
EPS: 1p (LPS: 0.14p)
Div: Nil (nil)

INISHTECH (Fin)
Pre-tax: £7.28m (7.09m)
EPS: 37p (36.4p)
Div: 6.05p (5.5p)

METSEC (Fin)
Pre-tax: £731,000 Loss
LPS: 5.59p (2.07p)
Div: Nil (3.7p)

Last time's total dividend was 6.6p. Turnover climbed to £43m (£40.3m). Company said year has started well and it is trading satisfactorily.

Last time's total dividend was 3.4p. Turnover rose to £19.9m (£18.1m). Evidence of increasing demand in defence and aircraft maintenance.

Final results. There was a loss of £4.5m last time. Turnover rose to £55.4m (£50m). Group said current year has started well in most areas.

All figures in Irish currency. Last time's total dividend was 3.6p. Turnover rose to £93.4m (£74.4m). Further growth expected this year.

All figures in Irish currency. Turnover rose to £45.1m (£29.9m). Oil and gas production increased to 4,170 boed (1991: 1,147 boed).

All figures in Irish currency. Earnings figures shown are diluted. Sales advanced to £52.7m (£40.1m). Gearing stood at 16%.

There was a loss of £257,000 last time. Turnover fell to £60.2m (£79.8m). Gearing is at 65.7% and reduction remains a group priority.

نسخة طبق الأصل

Shell and Esso to spend £1.3bn on extending Brent

By George Sivell
City Editor

An unprecedented feat of engineering will keep Brent in production until the year 2008, adding 34 million barrels of oil, and provide jobs for 3,000 contract staff

SHELL and Esso are to spend £1.3 billion to extend, by at least ten years, the life of Brent, Britain's biggest North Sea oil and gas field that produces 13 per cent of the nation's oil and 10 per cent of its gas. Shell shares rose 9p to 586½p.

The extension has been planned for the past three years and Shell said the work would have gone ahead even if the government had not, in the recent Budget, cut the rate of petroleum revenue tax on mature fields from 75 to 50 per cent. But Shell said it would benefit from paying PRT at a lower rate.

Shell and Esso have spent £3 billion on Brent since the decision to develop the field was taken in 1972. Production began in 1976. Plans for the extension were approved by Tim Eggar, energy minister, yesterday.

It will add 34 million barrels of oil, equivalent to a small oil discovery, and 1.5 trillion cu ft of gas, equal to a medium sized gas field, to the national reserves. So far 73 per cent of recoverable oil reserves and 45 per cent of its gas has been produced.

Shell said the main benefit would be increased gas production. Only 20 per cent of the original gas in place will have to be left behind. Oil output from Brent peaked at 416,000 barrels per day in 1985/86 and will average 219,000 bpd in 1993. At the end of the construction period in 1998 output will be 165,000 bpd, Shell said.

The field was due to run out in 1998 but will be extended to at least 2008 by an unprecedented feat of engineering which will provide jobs for 3,000 contract staff. The extra oil and gas can only be extracted by reducing the pressure in the oil reservoir which in turn requires new processing equipment to be installed.

The equipment will gradually be replaced while the field is kept in operation in work that will take from 1993 to 1998 to complete.

Three contracts have already been placed by Shell, which operates the field on behalf of the Esso joint veture. SLP Engineering will build a new process module. Consafe Engineering will design and build a new accommodation module and Heeremac VOF of Leiden in the Netherlands will supply heavy lifts.

Amec, the existing Brent engineering contractor, and AOC and Wood Group, the two maintenance and modification services contractors, are expected to play leading roles in the project.

Dr Chris Fay, managing director of Shell UK Exploration and Production, said: "It will be increasingly important to the economy to find ways of extending the life of existing fields. The United Kingdom has 31 billion barrels of oil and natural gas liquids and 127 trillion cu ft of gas. A third of the liquids and almost a third of the gas have now been produced."


JOHN ANGERSON

Grounds for cheer: Martin Edwards, chief executive of Manchester United, where work on the Stretford End is nearing completion

Chevron agrees joint plan for Kazakh oil

From Reuter in Kazakhstan

CHEVRON Corp and the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan have agreed to develop one of the world's richest oilfields.

The Kazakh president, Nursultan Nazarbayev, and Kenneth Derr, Chevron's chief executive, signed an agreement creating Tengizchevroil in a deal worth up to $20 billion. It is the biggest of its kind between an oil multinational and a member of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

The 40-year agreement, expected to make Kazakhstan a major oil exporter within 10 years, offers equal shares to Chevron Overseas Company and the Kazakh state firm Tengizneftegaz.

Tengizchevroil plans to increase annual output from the Tengiz and Korolyov fields to more than 35 million tonnes (700,000 bpd) by 2,010, compared with 3.25 million tonnes (65,000 bpd) now. Kazakhstan is expected to produce 27 million tonnes (540,000 bpd) of oil in 1993, little changed from last year. The joint venture aims to add 12 million tonnes a year (240,000 bpd) in the near future and export three million tonnes this year.

Under the agreement Chevron will provide technology, expertise and finance to develop the two fields. Joint investment could total $20 billion. Neither side has explained how they have resolved legal and tax problems which had stalled the project.

Kazakhstan should receive 80.4 per cent of net revenues, and Chevron 19.6 per cent. Regional authorities will receive $50 million over five years for social purposes such as road-building and hospitals.

Man Utd attracts City fans

By Philip Pangalos

TWO quoted football clubs, both riding high in their respective divisions, produced mixed corporate news.

First-half figures from Manchester United, in second place in the Premier League with hopes of winning the title still strong, were in a league of their own and pleased the City. The club made pre-tax profits of £4.6 million, after transfer fees, in the six months to end-January, compared with £3.2 million last time, as turnover rose to £13 million (£12.4 million).

Net transfer fees at Manchester United, where Martin Edwards is chief executive, were £285,000 (£2.23 million). However, redevelopment of the Stretford End stand caused substantial disruption; capacity was reduced from 47,000 to 33,000 at the start of the season, but has since risen to 40,000, with an average attendance of 35,000. Capacity will be 45,000 on completion of the work, which is on schedule and within budget.

Professor Sir Roland Smith, chairman, said the redevelopment would provide a further 46 executive boxes, all sold, next season and 846 executive seats.

Earnings climb to 25.8p (24p) a share. The interim dividend is maintained at 6p. The shares firmed 10p to 412p, against 1991's placing price of 385p.

Shares in Millwall Holdings, the USM-quoted football club trying to develop an all-seater stadium, fell 1¼p to 3¾p after the group accompanied a trading loss of £740,000 (£1.1 million loss) in the six months to end-November with a rescue rights issue.

Millwall is raising £3.2 million through a three-for-two rights issue, at 2p a share, to be ploughed into the new Senegal Fields stadium, which the club says is essential to avoid "serious financial difficulties".

Turnover was £1 million (£2.44 million) and the loss fell to 0.66p (0.98p loss) a share. There is again no dividend.

Insurer increases profit on life income

By Sarah Bagnall, Insurance Correspondent

LOWER losses from the general business account coupled with increased profits from the life business helped lift profits at United Friendly Group, the life and general insurer.

Pre-tax profits at United, which last month announced it is following in the footsteps of other insurers, including Legal & General, by looking at ways of distributing its surplus life-fund reserves to shareholders, advanced 16 per cent to £23.4 million for the year to end-December 1992.

Part of the increase was due to a £500,000 rise in investment income to £9 million and an £800,000 increase in realised capital gains transferred from the investment reserve, to £6.8 million.

The life business was buoyant, profits advanced from £10.7 million to £11.2 million, helped by a fall in costs for with the development of unit-linked business. Improved claims experience helped the general business account cut its losses to £1.9 million.

Earnings per share rose 14 per cent to 23p while the final dividend was lifted from 8.1p to 9.6p, making a total for the year of 14.5p, an increase of 17 per cent from last time.

RJB heads for market at £100m

RJB Mining, one of the private mining contractors that has expressed interest in parts of British Coal, is coming to the market with a price tag of more than £100 million. It aims to raise fresh funds for expansion early this summer.

RJB, which has negotiated contracts to supply National Power and PowerGen, made £16.4 million of operating profit last year on a turnover of £73.9 million.

Adwest buys

Adwest, the mini-conglomerate, has bought Spectar Group, a maker of electrical switchgear, for £2.13 million. Spectar will work in parallel with Adwest's Field & Grant subsidiary.

Wilkes in red

James Wilkes incurred a pre-tax loss of £6.41 million (£950,000 profit) for the year to end-December. A reduced final dividend of 0.25p (5.25p) makes a total of 3.5p (10p). Gearing was trimmed from 164 to 98 per cent.

Aegis passes payout after heavy costs

By Colin Campbell

AEGIS Group, the media buyer, charged £22 million of reorganisation costs and £22 million of closure costs against 1992 results to end the year showing a £1.9 million pre-tax loss against a 1991 pre-tax profit of £54.4 million.

The year's final dividend has been passed, leaving only 1.375p (5.85p) for the year. Aegis says no dividends on ordinary shares will be paid in 1993. The shares, which 18 months ago traded at 217p, fell by 2½p to 18p yesterday.

Frank Law, chairman, said Aegis now concentrates on its core business and has disposed or sold operations in full-service advertising, sponsorship and broadcasting. A new management team is in place and "we look forward to the future with confidence but not complacency", he added.

The Carat Group, owned by Aegis, had media billings of $6.5 billion and a 12 per cent share of the European display advertising market in 1992. The group says the Conseil de la Concurrence in France has been conducting a two-year enquiry into the French advertising and media marketplace. Its findings have not been announced.

"The Conseil could issue injunctions aimed at making the market more competitive and impose fines on industry participants. These could have a material effect on the group's results," Aegis notes.

The Aegis reorganisation last year included the transfer of some management functions from London to Paris and 20 of the top French management voluntarily cut their salaries by between 7 and 25 per cent. Share listings in Paris and New York were cancelled, but retained in London.

The group has extended its banking facilities and there have been board changes, including the appointment, as non-executive directors, of Sir Kit McMahon, former Midland Bank chairman, and Sir Peter Thompson, former National Freight Corporation chairman and chief executive.

Top salary falls at the C&G

By Lindsay Cook
Money Editor

THE total salary package of Andrew Longhurst, chief executive of the Cheltenham & Gloucester building society, has fallen by more than £25,000, from £306,041 to £280,936 last year.

The reduction follows a profits fall for the sixth-largest society by 30 per cent to £130.6 million in 1992. This meant that none of the society's staff received its 5 per cent bonus.

In 1991 senior executives had a different bonus scheme, which accounted for up to a third of their salary. It is possible though that Mr Longhurst will remain the highest-paid building society chief executive.

At Nationwide, the second-largest society, which ended its financial year at the weekend, Tim Melville-Ross earned £220,000 in 1991-2 and stands to get up to a 30 per cent bonus for the recently completed year. The bonus is paid to 100 top executives.

Daimler-Benz says profits may fall 30%

From Colin Narbrough in Stuttgart

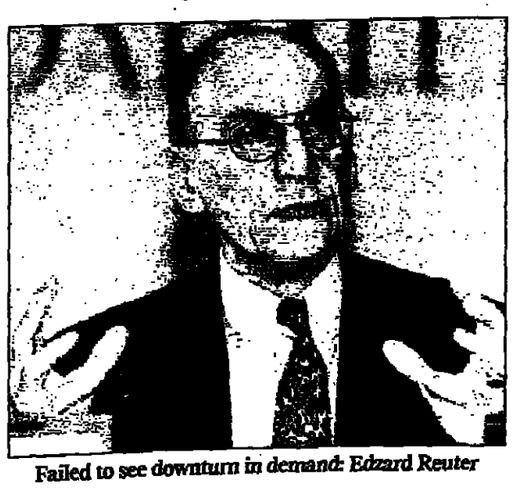
DAIMLER-BENZ, Germany's flagship cars-to-aerospace group, expects its net profit to fall 25 to 30 per cent this year after a big drop in first-quarter sales.

The sharp deterioration in profits follows a worsening last year to DM1.45 billion from DM1.94 billion in 1991.

Despite the profits outlook, Daimler yesterday announced it was to pay an unchanged DM13 dividend on its 1992 results and still intends to press ahead this autumn, probably in September, with a full listing on the New York Stock Exchange.

The New York listing, the first by a blue chip German company, forms part of Daimler's strategy of having a presence on all big stock markets. The Singapore exchange will be next. After the New York listing, the company may launch a rights issue.

Edzard Reuter, the managing board chairman, speaking in Stuttgart at a news conference on the 1992 results, said that Daimler had misjudged economic conditions badly last year, having failed to foresee the downturn in demand for cars and trucks. Its Mercedes-Benz automotive division saw sales dip from DM67.1 billion to DM66.5 billion. The division's net profit was almost halved to DM849 million and the workforce cut by 15,000.


Failed to see downturn in demand: Edzard Reuter

Herr Reuter said the economic "nosedive" in Germany since last summer had gained momentum that surprised even the most hardened pessimists. Daimler sales in the first quarter were about 25 per cent down on the same quarter last year.

"We must face up to the fact that 1993 is going to be even tougher than the second half of 1992," he said. The Daimler results follow last week's announcement by the Volkswagen group, Europe's biggest carmaker, that it had a net loss of DM1.25 billion in the first quarter.

Herr Reuter said Daimler was not alone in its predicament, but called for a carefully planned and cautious response to the downturn, so as not to destroy what might be needed later. This appeared to be a swipe at the aggressive policies adopted by the reshaped VW management board, which is planning a radical cost-cutting programme across its automotive empire. VW's unprecedented recruiting campaign among General Motors executives and managers has led GM to take out a court injunction against VW to prevent it from picking off further GM staff.

Despite the setback, Herr Reuter said he would keep his group on its present course with more production undertaken outside Germany and greater efficiencies and cost-cutting pursued at home. But he stressed Daimler was not about to become a volume car producer and had no intention of withdrawing production from Germany.

Tempus, page 25

For the earliest flights to Milan and Rome you know who to dial.



Now, Alitalia can offer you the earliest flights out of Heathrow to Milan and Rome.

As Alitalia also have the last flights back to Heathrow, you will now be able to spend the equivalent of a full working day in Milan, or arrive in Rome well before lunch and get back the same day.

SAVE £100 ON SAME DAY BUSINESS CLASS RETURN.

And, as if the extra time isn't enough of a bonus, Alitalia have introduced a special "Same Day Return" Eurobusiness fare to these destinations.

Just take the first flight out and return with Alitalia on the same day and you can save £100.

The service to Milan and Rome has been improved still further. Two comfortable and spacious Airbus A300's have been added to the Milan route and there are now four daily flights to Rome.

If you're a member of Club Ulisse, Alitalia's frequent flyer programme, during April you can also enjoy free parking at Heathrow when you buy a "Same Day Return" ticket. (If you would like further information on Club Ulisse and its benefits please call us on 071-935 1728).

Daily To*	First Flights from Heathrow		
	Flight No	Departs	Arrives
Milan	AZ 285	0655	0950
Rome	AZ 287	0725	1055

Daily From	Last Flights back to Heathrow		
	Flight No	Departs	Arrives
Milan	AZ 284	2030	2125
Rome	AZ 286	1540	2015

*On Sunday flights AZ 285 and AZ 287 depart at 0800.

For more information or reservations, simply dial 071-602 7111.

Alitalia
The wings of Italy.

Drug shares stay under the weather

GOOD news is a rare commodity these days in the pharmaceutical sector, which has suffered more than its fair share of setbacks in the past six months. Regarded as a safe haven for investors during times of economic hardship, pharmaceutical companies are emerging from the recession looking positively shell-shocked. These days they appear friendless on both sides of the Atlantic and their prospects remain gloomy.

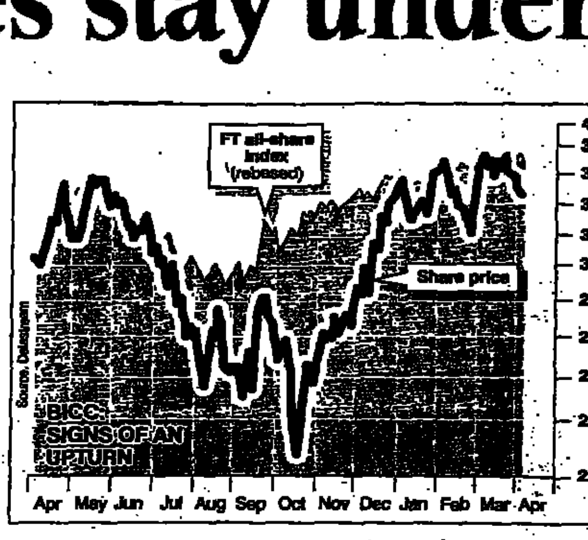
Guinness's strong run may be coming to an end with the price falling 11p to 478p. Brokers are talking about a large amount of stock overhanging the market. A more likely explanation is that a big buyer, who had been chasing the price up, has completed his business and withdrawn.

The pharmaceutical industry was dealt a blow with the election of President Clinton who, with his wife, Hillary, has promised to look at soaring medical spending in the US.

Meanwhile, individual companies have had to face up to problems that have only added to investor disenchantment. **Wellcome** managed to claw back some of its recent losses with a rise of 16p to 721p. It is due to begin meeting analysts and fund managers to reassure them about prospects for Retrovir, its anti-Aids drug.

Fisons again ran into selling pressure, tumbling 25p to 169p, after ending the development of tipredane, its asthma and rhinitis treatment. Tipredane had been issued to Fisons under licence from Bristol Myers Squibb. Fisons said it had decided to drop the drug because it had not shown the level of efficacy that would have been therapeutically useful. Some brokers pointed out that the decision to drop the drug would result in lower development costs. But the fall in the Fisons share price makes the company even more vulnerable to an unwanted approach and is certain to increase speculation in the shares.

By contrast, ICI's soon to be demerged Zeneca pharmaceuticals division is giving high priority to the development of its asthma treatment, Accolate, after the completion of latest trials. ICI, down 3p at £11.53, hopes to begin applying for approval for the drug by the end of next year. At the same time, Zeneca has sold its Tribol industrial lubricants business to Burmah Castrol for $48.25 million. It was the only piece of good news in an otherwise gloomy sector.



The first day of the new financial year provided little in the way of cheer for investors with the equity market reversing an early 11-point lead. The FT-SE 100 index ended 6.6 points down at 2,832.2 in thin trading conditions that saw investors unwilling to open fresh positions before the Easter break. By the close, a total of 538 million shares had changed hands. This figure was swollen by tail-end bed and breakfast operations designed to establish tax losses.

Motor distributors were heartened by the new car registration figures showing a 12.7 per cent increase, the sixth consecutive monthly rise. This has led to some brokers increasing profit forecasts for motor distributors, some by as much as 10 per cent. Gains were seen in **Bletchley**, 5p to 265p, **Tom Cowie**, 3p to 211p, **Dagenham Motors**, 2p to 108p, **Jessups**, 2p to 82p, and **Lex Service**, 2p to 341p.

BICC rose 8p to 358p in response to signs of a pick-up in business activity. Robin Biggam, the chairman, also told shareholders at the annual meeting that the group was considering an enhanced scrip dividend scheme.

Avesco, which recently unveiled demerger plans and a rights issue, firmed 3p to 93p before a proposed visit by fund managers to one of its operations in Hertfordshire today.

Tesco, the supermarket chain, touched 234p before ending up 1p at 232p after meeting City forecasts with a rise in full-year pre-tax profits of 6.5 per cent to £580.9 million. This was achieved on the back of a 9 per cent increase in sales. The bulk of the improvement stemmed from new space.

But the rest of the supermarket groups could draw little inspiration from Tesco's figures. **J. Sainsbury** fell 6p to 472p, **Iceland Frozen Foods** 11p to 696p, **Asda** ½p to 66½p and **Argyll** 4p to 333p.

Kwik Save was another faller losing 13p at 752p. Brokers are worried that the price war at the discount end of the market is intensifying. The group is also expected to lose its position as a constituent of the top 100 companies in June.

Full-year figures from **Aegis**, Europe's largest media buyer, showed the ravages of recession as the group plunged into the red with a pre-tax loss of almost £2 million, compared with a profit of £54.4 million. The figure was struck after £44 million of restructuring costs. The final dividend has been axed and the group does not intend to pay a dividend this year.

TIP Europe, the container leasing group, jumped 15p to 40½p on news of the agreed £71 million bid from General Electric of America. General Electric is offering 42p a share and has received acceptances from HAL Investments, TIP's biggest shareholder, with almost 10 per cent of the company. The news came on the day when TIP reported a drop in half-year pre-tax profits to £2.3 million.

Not even two buy recommendations and better than expected subscriber numbers for March were enough to lift Vodafone, which ended 3p easier at 385p. NatWest Securities rates the shares a buy and says the trend indicates Vodafone is strongly geared to the economic upturn.

Tiphook, the rival trailer and container rental group, reacted badly to news of the bid with the price dropping 25p to 335p, fearing increased competition.

MICHAEL CLARK

WORLD MARKETS

Dow trades nervously

New York — Blue chips traded in a narrow band amid nervousness about the weakness of growth stocks and concern over fading brand-name loyalty. Traders and analysts attributed the dip in the Dow Jones industrial average to fears that other growth stocks could share the fate of Philip Morris, which fell 69 points on Friday. The Dow was down 1.62 points at 3,377.57 in early trading.

□ **Tokyo** — Stocks ended lower, though off lows, on profit-taking. The market was in an adjustment phase after recent rapid rises, and investors took a cautious stance, brokers said. The Nikkei average was down 272.66 points, or 1.38 per cent, to 19,486.80.

□ **Hong Kong** — Share prices closed lower on profit-taking by local investors in quiet trading, brokers said. The Hang Seng Index fell 63.61 points to finish at 6,340.83.

□ **Sydney** — Stocks languished to end lower as investors turned cautious ahead of the Easter break. The all-ordinaries index fell 12.2 to close at 1,658.3.

□ **Frankfurt** — The Dax index closed at 1,665.40, up 6.71 points, after a break above resistance at 1,660 triggered technically inspired buying by some institutional investors. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

	Apr 6 midday	Apr 5 close		Apr 6 midday	Apr 5 close		Apr 6 midday	Apr 5 close
AMP Inc	59⅞	59⅞	Emerson Elec	60	58⅛	Oracle Systems	35⅞	35⅛
AMR Corp	65⅞	64¾	Engelhard Corp	42⅞	42⅛	Oryx Energy Co	23⅛	23
Abbott Labs	25⅞	25⅞	Enron Corp	59⅞	59⅛	PNC Financial	32⅞	33⅛
Aetna Life	49⅛	49	Entergy Corp	35⅞	35⅛	PPG Industries	67⅞	68⅛
Ahmanson (HF)	19	18¾	Ethyl Corp	29	29	Paccar Inc	63⅛	63
Air Prod & Chem	42⅞	43⅞	Exxon	67⅛	67	Pacificorp	18	18⅛
Albertson's	52⅞	53⅛	FMC Corp	46⅛	46⅛	Pac Enterprises	24⅛	24⅛
Alcan Alumnm	18⅝	18⅞	FPL Group	37	37	Pac Gas & Elect	34⅛	34⅛
Alco Standard	45⅛	45⅞	Federal Express	53⅛	53⅛	Pac Telesis	48⅛	49⅛
Allied Signal	65	65	Fed Nat Mtge	78⅛	78	Pall Corp	17⅛	17⅛
Alum Co of Am	64	63⅛	First Chicago	39⅛	40⅛	Panhandle East	22⅛	22⅛
Amax	17	16⅛	First Interstate	58	57⅛	Paramnt Comm	51⅛	51⅛
Amerada Hess	53⅛	53⅛	First Union Rlty	11⅛	11⅛	Parker Hannifin	30⅛	30⅛
Amer Brands	29⅛	30	Fleet Finl Grp	34⅛	34⅛	Penney (JC)	85	85⅛
Amer Cyanamid	50⅛	50⅛	Fluor Corp	41⅛	41⅛	Pennzoil	57⅛	57⅛
Amer El Power	36⅛	36⅛	Ford Motor	53⅛	52	Pepsico	39⅛	40⅛
Amer Express	28	28⅛	GTE Corp	37⅛	37	Pfizer	58⅛	59
Amer Genl Corp	30⅛	30⅛	Gannett	52	51⅛	Phelps Dodge	48⅛	49⅛
Amer Home Pr	64⅛	64⅛	Gap Inc Del	30⅛	31⅛	Philadel Elec	29⅛	29⅛
Amer Intl	128⅛	127⅛	Gen Cinema	35⅛	35⅛	Philip Morris	48⅛	49⅛
Amer Stores	41⅛	41⅛	Gen Dynamics	98⅛	98⅛	Phillips Pet	29⅛	29⅛
Amer T & T	57⅛	56⅛	Gen Electric	91	89⅛	Pitney Bowes	43⅛	42⅛
Ameritech	78⅛	77	Gen Mills	67⅛	69	Polaroid	28⅛	28⅛
Amoco	58⅛	58⅛	Gen Motors	38⅛	37⅛	Price Co	31⅛	32⅛
Anheuser-Busch	51	51⅛	Gen Reinsurance	114⅛	114	Primerica	44⅛	44⅛
Apple Computer	49⅛	50	Gen Signal	63⅛	63⅛	Procter & Gmbl	46	47⅛
Archer Daniels	25	24⅛	Genuine Parts	35	35	Pub Serv E & G	33⅛	33⅛
Arkla	9⅛	9	Georgia Pac	61⅛	61⅛	Quaker Oats	63⅛	65
Armco	7	6⅛	Gillette	58⅛	58	Ralston Purina	47⅛	48⅛
Armstrng Wrld	32⅛	34⅛	Glaxo ADR	17⅛	17⅛	Raychem Corp	39⅛	39⅛
Asarco	22⅛	22⅛	Goodrich (BF)	48⅛	48⅛	Raytheon	56⅛	56⅛
Ashland Oil	26⅛	26⅛	Goodyear Tire	73⅛	73⅛	Reebok Intl	33⅛	34⅛
Atl Richfield	121⅛	121⅛	Grace (W&R)	39⅛	39⅛	Reynolds Metals	47⅛	47
Auto Data Pro	51⅛	52	Grt Atl Pac Tea	25⅛	25⅛	Roadway Srvcs	64⅛	65⅛
Avery Dennison	28⅛	28⅛	Great Wstn Fin	18	18	Rockwell Intl	31⅛	31⅛
Avon Products	59⅛	60	Halliburton	36⅛	35⅛	Rohm & Haas	54⅛	53⅛
Baker Hughes	24⅛	23⅛	Heinz (HJ)	37	37⅛	Royal Dutch	90⅛	89⅛
Baltim Gas & El	25⅛	24⅛	Hercules	75	73⅛	Rubbermaid	33⅛	33⅛
Banc One	58⅛	58⅛	Hershey Foods	52	51⅛	Safeco Corp	62⅛	63⅛
BankAmerica	50⅛	49⅛	Hewlett Packard	72⅛	73⅛	St Paul's Cos	80	79⅛
Bank of NY	56⅛	56⅛	Hilton Hotels	46⅛	46⅛	Salomon Inc	37⅛	37⅛
Bankers Tr NY	69⅛	70⅛	Home Depot	57⅛	59⅛	Santa Fe S Pac	15⅛	14⅛
Barnett Banks	45⅛	45⅛	Homestake	14⅛	14⅛	Sara Lee Corp	26⅛	26⅛
Bausch & Lomb	53⅛	57⅛	Honeywell	33	32⅛	Scecorp	46⅛	46⅛
Baxter Intl	29	29	Household Intl	68⅛	67⅛	Schering Plough	57⅛	58⅛
Becton Dickson	34⅛	34⅛	Houston Inds	47⅛	46⅛	Schlumberger	61⅛	59⅛
Bell Atlantic	54⅛	54⅛	Humana	7⅛	7⅛	Scott Paper	35⅛	36
BellSouth	55⅛	55⅛	ITT Corp	78⅛	77⅛	Seagram	27⅛	27⅛
Black & Decker	17⅛	18	Illinois Tool	72	71⅛	Sears Roebuck	51⅛	52⅛
Block (H&R)	35⅛	36	INCO	23⅛	23⅛	Shell Trans	54⅛	53⅛
Boeing	35⅛	34⅛	Ingersoll Rand	30⅛	30⅛	Sherwin Wlms	32⅛	33⅛
Boise Cascade	24⅛	24⅛	Inland Steel	22	22	Skyline Corp	20	19⅛
Borden Inc	26	25⅛	Intel Corp	112	110⅛	Snap-On-Tools	33⅛	33⅛
Bristol Myrs Sq	58⅛	58⅛	IBM	52⅛	52⅛	Southern Co	42⅛	42⅛
Browning Ferris	26	25⅛	Intl Flav & Fr	111⅛	112⅛	Sthwestern Bell	78	77
Burlington Nthn	51⅛	50⅛	Intl Paper	63⅛	63	Sprint Corp	29⅛	30
CBS	224⅛	223⅛	James River Va	19⅛	19⅛	Stanley Works	45⅛	46⅛
CNA Financial	94⅛	93⅛	Jhnsn & Jhnsn	40⅛	41⅛	Sun Company	24⅛	24⅛
CPC Intl	42⅛	42⅛	K Mart	23⅛	23⅛	Suntrust	46	46
CSX	70⅛	70⅛	Kellogg	57⅛	58⅛	Supervalu	31	31⅛
Campbell Soup	41⅛	42⅛	Kerr-McGee	49⅛	50⅛	Syntex Corp	18⅛	18⅛
Can Pacific	15⅛	15⅛	Kimberly-Clark	53⅛	54⅛	Sysco Corp	29⅛	29⅛
Cpd Cities ABC	543	537	Knight-Ridder	55	54⅛	TRW Inc	62⅛	62⅛
Cpd Holdings	77⅛	77⅛	Lilly (Eli)	47⅛	47⅛	Tandem Comp	11⅛	11⅛
Carolina Pwr	32⅛	32	Limited Inc	23⅛	24⅛	Tandy Corp	30⅛	29⅛
Caterpillar	58⅛	58⅛	Lin Bdcstng	81⅛	81⅛	Telecom Corp	2⅛	2⅛
Central & SW	32⅛	32⅛	Lincoln Nat	79⅛	79⅛	Teledyne	21⅛	21⅛
Champion Intl	30	30	Litton	52⅛	52⅛	Temple Inland	46⅛	46⅛
Chase Manhat	34⅛	34⅛	Liz Claiborne	36	35⅛	Tenneco	45⅛	45⅛
Chemical Bk	39⅛	39⅛	Lockheed Corp	62⅛	62⅛	Texaco	65⅛	64⅛
Chevron Corp	85⅛	83⅛	Louisiana Pac	71⅛	70	Texas Inst	56⅛	54
Chrysler	39⅛	39⅛	MCI Commun	43⅛	43⅛	Texas Utilities	45⅛	45⅛
Chubb Corp	93	92⅛	Marriott	29⅛	25⅛	Textron	47	46⅛
Cigna Corp	60⅛	60	Marsh & McLnn	93⅛	92⅛	Time Warner	31	30⅛
Citicorp	28⅛	28⅛	Martin Marieta	72⅛	73	Times-Mirror	31⅛	31⅛
Clorox	48⅛	49⅛	Masco Corp	31⅛	32⅛	Timken	29⅛	29⅛
Coastal Corp	26⅛	27⅛	May Dept St	75	75⅛	Torchmark	59	59
Coca Cola	39⅛	41	Maytag Corp	13⅛	13⅛	Toys R Us	38⅛	39⅛
Colgate-Palmolive	59⅛	63⅛	McCaw Cellular	35⅛	35⅛	Transamerica	53⅛	52⅛
Columbia Gas	21⅛	21⅛	McDonalds	50⅛	51⅛	Travelers Corp	26⅛	26⅛
Commnwe Ed	28	27⅛	McDonnell D	55⅛	54⅛	Tribune	53⅛	52⅛
Compaq Comp	47⅛	47⅛	McGraw-Hill	62⅛	62⅛	Tyco Labs	44⅛	44⅛
Comp Asc Int	23⅛	23⅛	Mead Corp	41⅛	41⅛	UAL Corp	125⅛	124
Conagra	28⅛	28⅛	Medtronic	64⅛	66⅛	UST Inc	27	27
Cons Edison	35⅛	35⅛	Mellon Bk	61	61	USX Marathon	19⅛	19⅛
Cons Nat Gas	48⅛	49⅛	Melville Corp	47⅛	46⅛	Unilever NV	115⅛	116⅛
Cons Rail	56⅛	56⅛	Merck Inc	34	34⅛	Union Camp	42⅛	41⅛
Cooper Inds	47⅛	47⅛	Merrill Lynch	68	69⅛	Union Carbide	18⅛	18⅛
Corning Inc	32⅛	33⅛	Minnesota Mine	110⅛	109⅛	Union Pacific	63⅛	62⅛
Crown Cork	39	39	Mobil Corp	70⅛	70⅛	Unisys Corp	12⅛	12⅛
Dana Corp	45⅛	45⅛	Monsanto	50⅛	50⅛	USAIR Group	20⅛	20⅛
Dayton Hudson	79⅛	79⅛	Morgan (JP)	67⅛	67⅛	USF&G Corp	16⅛	16⅛
Deere	54⅛	54⅛	Motorola Inc	66⅛	65⅛	US Life	35⅛	36⅛
Delta Air Lines	53⅛	52⅛	Natl Medical	8⅛	8⅛	US West	43⅛	42⅛
Deluxe Corp	43	43⅛	Natl Semi	12⅛	12⅛	United Tech	47⅛	47⅛
Detroit Edison	34⅛	34⅛	Natl Service Ind	25	24⅛	Unocal Corp	30	29⅛
Digital Equip	42⅛	42⅛	Navistar Int	2⅛	2⅛	Upjohn	28⅛	28⅛
Dillard Dept St	41⅛	43⅛	NBD Bancorp	34⅛	34⅛	VF Corp	48	49⅛
Disney (Walt)	41⅛	42⅛	NY Times A	30⅛	30⅛	Wal-Mart Stores	28⅛	29⅛
Dominion Res	43⅛	43⅛	Newmont Mng	43⅛	44⅛	Warner-Lambert	69⅛	69⅛
Donnelley (RR)	28⅛	28⅛	Niag Mohawk	21⅛	21⅛	Waste Mgmnt Inc	32⅛	32⅛
Dover Corp	47⅛	47⅛	Nike B	72⅛	73⅛	Wells Fargo	105⅛	104⅛
Dow Chemicals	51⅛	51⅛	NL Industries	5⅛	5⅛	Westinghouse El	14⅛	14⅛
Dow Jones	32⅛	31⅛	Nordstrom	30⅛	30⅛	Weyerhaeuser	43	42⅛
Dresser	21⅛	21	Norfolk Sthrn	63⅛	63⅛	Whirlpool	53⅛	53
Duke Power	39⅛	39⅛	Nthn State Pwr	44⅛	45⅛	Whitman	14⅛	14⅛
Dun & Brdstreet	58⅛	58⅛	Norwest Corp	51⅛	50⅛	Winn Dixie	62⅛	63⅛
Du Pont	50	49⅛	Nynex Corp	91⅛	90⅛	Woolworth	30⅛	30⅛
Eastman Kodak	53⅛	53	Occidental Pet	22⅛	22⅛	Wrigley (Wm) Jr	31⅛	31⅛
Eaton Corp	85⅛	85⅛	Ohio Edison	25⅛	25	Xerox	80⅛	80⅛

Recession puts paid to boom in ship orders

By Our City Staff

NEW orders for ships of all types dropped by nearly 36 per cent last year to 12.8 million gross tons, Lloyd's Register of Shipping (LR), the world's largest classification society, said.

Hopes of an ordering boom were dashed because of recessionary pressures, LR said in a world shipping review as part of its 1992 annual report. For the three years prior to 1992, the global orderbook had been nearing full shipyard capacity.

Last year's decline in orders increased competition between yards and forced prices down. With scrap purchasing prices holding up well, there were chances of increased scrapping tonnages again this year, unless the countries involved reached their capacity limits, LR said.

At the end of 1992, there were 95 tankers of 4.6 million gross tons in lay-up, three times above 1991 levels, but way below those in the early 1980s. About 2,000 tankers, or 30 per cent of the total fleet, are still more than 20 years old. In dry cargo, which did not lose much tonnage to the scrapyard last year, the fleet's age profile worsened. Out of a fleet of 5,190, 1,021 carriers were more than 20 years old.

The LR-classed fleet rose in 1992 to 96.4 million gross tons, 21.7 per cent of the world total, and LR's highest figure for six years.

Oil output easing, energy agency says

From Reuter in Paris

FIGURES from the International Energy Agency (IEA) imply that some of the slack is being wrung out of the oil market but the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries still needs to do better.

The energy "watchdog" estimated Opec output for last month at 24.35 million barrels per day (bpd). Data in its *Monthly Oil Market Report* also implied a call on Opec oil and stocks in the April to June quarter of 23.8 million.

At least the IEA saw a fairly strong OECD stock draw of 1.9 million bpd in February. The agency had worried the market a month ago when it reported a contra-seasonal stock build in January of 900,000 bpd.

The IEA figure of 24.35 million bpd for Opec March volume compares with 24.28 in a Reuter survey, with 24.29 from the Middle East Economic Survey and 24.37 in the *Petroleum Intelligence Weekly*. By the IEA figures, Opec is down 1.15 million bpd from February but still 770,000 above its new ceiling.

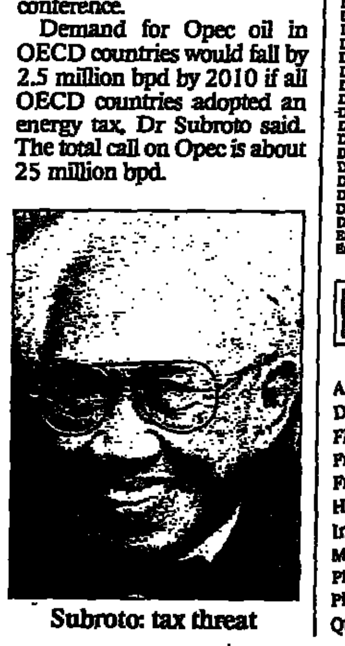
The IEA continues to see global demand this year just 500,000 bpd above 1992. It notes weaker economic activity in Europe and Japan and a further drop in internal Russian consumption. Russian exports again held up well at 1.9 million bpd for the first quarter of 1993.

The IEA view on a likely second-quarter call on Opec and stocks of 23.8 million bpd is down 100,000 from a month ago. The IEA said the February stock draw was heaviest on middle distillates, which were down 1.7 million bpd — North America down 800,000, Europe 600,000 and Asia 200,000.

□ If oil demand were deliberately suppressed by environmental taxes in consumer countries, producers could not be blamed if they reconsidered the huge investment needed to expand production capacity, Dr Subroto, the Opec secretary general, said.

Opec was opposed to energy taxes not only because they were "a threat to our livelihood", but also because they were nothing more than "another form of excise tax intended to raise government receipts, which in some countries are already more than three times the petroleum export revenues of the developing oil-producing countries," Dr Subroto told an oil conference.

Demand for Opec oil in OECD countries would fall by 2.5 million bpd by 2010 if all OECD countries adopted an energy tax, Dr Subroto said. The total call on Opec is about 25 million bpd.



Subroto: tax threat

RECENT ISSUES

Anglo United Wts	½	...
David Lloyd Leisure (150)	176	...
Fleming Emerging Mkts	102	...
Frgn & Col US Smler Co	103	...
Frgn & Col US Smler Wts	41	...
Hambros Ins Serv (138)	145	...
Intl Food Machinery (51)	74	–4
Motor World (210)	273	–3
Pilot Inv Trust (100)	97½	...
Pilot Inv Wts	27	...
Quality Software Prods	485	+17
Schroder Split Fd	104½	...
Schroder Split Fd Cap	20	...
Schroder Split 0 Div Pf	101½	– ½
Wts & Value Inv Tst (25)	25½	...
Yorkshire Food (110)	129	–6

RIGHTS ISSUES

BBA n/p (142)	7	–2½
BSG n/p (62)	1½	+ ¼
Bilston & Bttsea n/p (20)	10	...
Clyde Petroleum n/p (44)	4	...

BRITISH FUNDS

GOVERNMENT securities managed to claw back some of their losses on the back of firmer European bond markets. But traders described conditions as scrappy, with last week's issue of an extra £650 million of taplets still weighing heavily on sentiment. The Bank of England failed to supply any of the new stocks yesterday. Brokers claim that fund managers are suffering from indigestion, troubled by the pace of the government's fundraising.

On the futures market, the June series of the long gilt made headway in thin conditions, climbing more than £½ to £106⁵⁄₁₆. On the cash market, the longer end attracted most of the limited support that was available, with Treasury 9 per cent 2012 up 17 ticks to £106⁵⁄₁₆, while at the shorter end Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 was one tick firmer at £111⁷⁄₃₂.

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
103⅝	101⅞	Treas 12¼% 1993	101⅞	...	12.27	5.68
100⅞	99⅞	Fund 6% 1993	100⅛	...	5.99	5.71
106⅛	105	Treas 13¾% 1993	105	...	13.10	5.64
102⅞	101⅞	Treas 8¼% 1994	102⅛	...	8.30	5.59
109⅛	107⅛	Treas 14½% 1994	107⅛	...	13.46	5.62
109⅞	107⅞	Exch 13½% 1994	107⅞xd	–⅛	12.50	5.65
105⅞	104⅞	Treas 10% 1994	104⅞	–⅛	9.55	5.78
110⅛	108⅞	Exch 12½% 1994	108⅞	–⅛	11.50	5.86
105⅞	103⅞	Treas 9% 1994	104⅞	–⅛	8.60	5.93
111⅞	109⅛	Treas 12% 1995	110⅞	–⅛	10.90	6.03
96⅛	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96⅛ †	...	3.12	5.03
109⅛	107⅛	Exch 10¼% 1995	108⅛	–⅛	9.43	6.12
116⅛	114⅛	Treas 12¾% 1995	115⅞	...	11.05	6.26
120⅛	117⅞	Treas 14% 1996	119⅞	–⅛	11.76	6.44
125⅛	122⅛	Treas 15¼% 1996	123⅞xd	–⅛	12.32	6.56
120⅛	116⅞	Exch 13¼% 1996	118⅛	–⅛	11.19	6.60
111½	109	Conv 10% 1996	110⅛	...	9.04	6.64
122⅞	119⅞	Treas 13¼% 1997	121⅞	...	10.94	6.83
113⅛	110⅞	Exch 10½% 1997	112⅞	...	9.33	6.76
108⅞	105½	Treas 8¾% 1997	107⅛	...	8.14	6.75
132⅞	128⅞	Exch 15% 1997	130⅛ †	...	11.48	7.00
112⅛	109⅞	Exch 9¾% 1998	111⅞	...	8.76	6.94
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
103⅛	99⅞	Treas 7¼% 1998	102⅛ †	...	7.10	6.74
101	97⅞	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100⅞ †	...	6.74	6.70
138⅞	134⅞	Treas 15½% 1998	136⅞xd	...	11.34	7.23
122⅛	118⅞	Exch 12% 1998	121⅛	...	9.80	7.33
112⅛	108⅞	Treas 9½% 1999	110⅞	...	8.56	7.14
124⅞	120⅞	Exch 12¼% 1999	123⅞	...	9.96	7.40
117⅞	113⅛	Treas 10½% 1999	115⅞	...	9.08	7.28
117⅞	112⅞	Conv 10¼% 1999	115⅞	...	8.91	7.33
110⅞	106	Conv 9% 2000	109⅛	–⅛	8.24	7.27
131	125⅛	Treas 13% 2000	128⅞	...	10.08	7.71
115⅛	109⅞	Treas 10% 2001	113⅛	+⅛	8.78	7.61
129⅛	125⅞	Treas 14% 1998-01	127⅛	...	10.95	7.38
114⅞	108⅛	Treas 9¾% 2002	113	+⅛	8.63	7.76
103⅞	97⅞	Treas 8% 2003	101⅞	+⅛	7.85	7.70
116⅞	109⅛	Treas 10% 2003	114⅛	+⅛	8.73	7.91
122⅞	116⅞	Treas 11½% 2001-04	120⅞	...	9.51	7.89
74⅞	67⅞	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72⅞	+⅛	4.82	7.04
112⅛	105⅛	Conv 9½% 2004	110⅛ †	+⅛	8.57	8.02
112⅞	105⅛	Conv 9½% 2005	110⅞xd	+⅛	8.56	8.05
131½	124⅞	Treas 12½% 2003-05	129½	+⅛	9.65	8.25
101⅞	94⅞	Treas 8% 2002-06	100⅛ †	–⅛	7.99	8.00
125⅞	116⅞	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	123½	–⅛	9.51	8.19
104⅛	97⅛	Treas 8½% 2007	102⅞	+⅛	8.26	8.14
139⅛	131⅞	Treas 13½% 2004-08	137⅞	–⅛	9.83	8.34
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
108⅞	101½	Treas 9% 2008	107 †	+⅛	8.41	8.18
99⅛	92⅛	Treas 8% 2009	98⅛	–⅛	8.15	8.22
108⅞	100⅛	Conv 9% 2011	106⅛	+⅛	8.47	8.32
108⅞	100⅞	Treas 9% 2012	106⅛	+⅛	8.47	8.33
76⅞	70⅛	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75⅛	+⅛	7.31	8.02
97⅞	89⅛	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94⅞	+⅛	8.18	8.20
135⅞	125⅞	Exch 12% 2013-17	133	+⅛	9.02	8.55
105⅞	97⅞	Treas 8¾% 2017	103⅞	+⅛	8.45	8.39
		UNDATED				
48	43⅛	Consols 4%	47⅛	+⅛	8.44	...
42⅞	38⅛	War Ln 3½%	41⅞	+⅛	8.40	...
63	60⅛	Conv 3½%	62⅛	...	5.58	...
31⅞	28⅛	Consols 2½%	31½ †	...	8.03	...
30⅛	27⅞	Treas 2½%	29⅞	–⅛	8.38	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133⅛	131½	Treas IL 2% 1994	133⅞	+⅛	...	0.83
197⅛	194⅞	Treas IL 2% 1996	196½ †	+⅛	1.66	2.40
109⅞	105⅞	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108⅞xd	+⅛	2.06	2.64
166⅛	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	166⅛	+⅛	2.63	2.97
163⅞	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	163⅛	+⅛	2.77	3.05
111⅞	105⅛	Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	111½ †	+⅛	2.88	3.16
170⅞	159⅛	Treas IL 2% 2006	170	+⅛	2.95	3.17
154⅞	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	153⅞	+⅛	3.16	3.35
159⅞	148⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2011	158⅞	+⅛	3.23	3.41
131⅛	122⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130⅞	+⅛	3.29	3.45
139⅞	130⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2016	139⅞	+⅛	3.35	3.50
133⅞	124⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2020	133⅞ †	+⅛	3.41	3.54
111½	102⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110⅛	+⅛	3.44	3.57
111⅞	103⅛	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	111⅞	+⅛	3.46	3.59

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Wellcome	721p (+16p)
General Accident	595p (+11p)
Utd Friendly	683p (+10p)
Man Utd	412p (+10p)
Independent	460p (+10p)
Thomson Corp	785p (+20p)
Shell	586½p (+9p)
TIP Europe	40½p (+15p)

FALLS:

Guinness	478p (-11p)
Wolvrhmptn & Dud	589p (-11p)
Iceland Frozen	696p (-11p)
Sothebys	888p (-12p)
THORN EMI	864p (-10p)
Liberty	580p (-10p)
Kingfisher	580p (-12p)
SKF 'B'	650p (-25p)
Airtours	277p (-14p)
Carlton Comm	741p (-9p)
Burmah Castrol	732p (-16p)
BAA	788p (-12p)
Tibbet & Britten	683p (-22p)
RMC Group	600p (-17p)

Closing Prices Page 27

THE TIMES

ACCOUNTANCY AND FINANCE

APPEARS IN THE BUSINESS NEWS PAGES EVERY THURSDAY TO ADVERTISE PHONE

DAVID GERMAN 071-481 1066 or FAX

071-782 7828 071-481 9313

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES 071-782 7344

PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

SCOTTISH OFFICE
MARCH 1993

PRIVATE LEGISLATION PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) ACT 1936
BRITISH RAILWAYS (NO.3)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application by Petition under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936 has been made to the Secretary of State in March 1993 by the British Railways Board for a Provisional Order ("the Order") under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:-

1) Construction of Works Nos. 1 and 2 - Railways (2,325 metres and 2,328 metres in length) in the Hamilton District, Strathclyde Region, being a reinstatement of a discontinued portion, between Ferniegair and Larkhall, of the Hamilton to Stonehouse Railway.

2) Special provisions in connection with the construction and maintenance of Works Nos. 1 and 2; establishment of a railway station at Larkhall with pedestrian access from and to Caledonian Road; and power to stop up part of the path between Fairholm Street and High Avon Street and other paths lying within the limits of deviation of Works Nos. 1 and 2.

3) Purchase of land and new rights in, under or over land for the purpose of the proposed works; the use of land for the construction and maintenance of the works; extinction or suspension of rights of passage over land to be purchased or used; and special provisions as to entry and compensation.

4) General provisions applicable to or in consequence of the Order.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that plans, sections and a book of reference relating to the Order have been deposited for public inspection with the Sheriff Clerk at the Sheriff Court House, Beckford Street, Hamilton; with the Chief Executive, Hamilton District Council, Town House, 102 Cadzow Street, Hamilton; and at the Public Library, Muir Street, Larkhall.

Copies of an Environmental Statement together with a non-technical summary of that Statement relating to the purposes of the Order are available for inspection and for sale at the price of £10 each for the Statement and £1 for the summary at the above mentioned office of the Chief Executive, Hamilton District Council; at the Public Library, Muir Street, Larkhall; at the Travel Centre, Edinburgh Waverley Station; and at each of the undermentioned offices.

On and after 2nd April a copy of the Order may be inspected at the above mentioned office of the Sheriff Clerk and a copy inspected and copies obtained at the price of 50p each at the above mentioned office of the Chief Executive, Hamilton District Council; at the Public Library, Muir Street, Larkhall; at the Travel Centre, Edinburgh Waverley Station; and at each of the undermentioned offices.

Petitions against the Order praying to be heard must be deposited at the Scottish Office, Dover House, Whitehall, London SW1A 2AU, in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords, and in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons not later than six weeks after the 11th April 1993 in the manner and subject to the conditions prescribed in General Orders 75 to 77, copies of which may be inspected at the offices referred to in the preceding paragraph. Information regarding the deposit of such petitions may be obtained from either the Scottish Office, London, the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, the Private Bill Office or from the undermentioned Parliamentary Agents.

The procedure subsequent to the deposit of the Petition and Order will be by way of Provisional Order unless it be otherwise decided in terms of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, in which case the procedure may be way of Private Bill and, in that case, this notice will, subject to the Standing Orders of Parliament, apply to such Bill.

Dated 26th March 1993

SIMON OSBORNE	SHEENA STARK	SHERWOOD & CO
British Railways Board	British Railways Board	35 Great Peter Street
Macmillan House	ScotRail House	Westminster
PO Box 1016	9th Floor	London
Paddington Station	58 Port Dundas Road	SW1P 3LR
London W2 1YG	Glasgow G4 0HG	
Solicitor to the Board	Solicitor (Scotland)	Parliamentary Agents

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - Pony Riding for the Disabled Trust
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St. Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference number DOY-212644 A/2-CD-LDN3.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charities - Saunta John and Elizabeth Hospital Charities
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for these Charities. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St. Albans House, 57 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference DOY-235822-A1S-CD LDN3. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

LEGAL NOTICES

AQUARIUS PUBLICATIONS LTD.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 805 Salisbury House, 31 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2M 5SQ on 13 April 1993 at 10.00 am for the purposes mentioned in sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. Any information required by the Creditors concerning the Company's affairs may be obtained from G.M. Jones of Morison Stoneham, 805 Salisbury House, 31 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 5SQ, being a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner.
Dated 1 April 1993
By Order of the Board
R. COX, Director.

CHANCERY MANAGERS LTD
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
On 1 April 1993 the company was placed into members' voluntary liquidation and Jacqueline B Stephenson of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.
The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at the above address by 18 May 1993 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that she will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Dated 2 April 1993
Jacqueline B Stephenson.
Liquidator

COOPER MACDONALD LTD
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in pursuance of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at the office of Arthur Andersen, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2PS on Monday 19 April 1993 at 11.00 am for the purpose of having an account laid before them, showing the events leading up to the appointment, the manner in which the administrative receivership has been conducted and the property of the company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Joint Administrative Receivers.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. A person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if he has given to the Receivers, not later than 12.00 p.m. on the business day before the above day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company, and this claim has been duly admitted by the Receivers. A creditor entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting may appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote instead of him.
Should you require a copy of the Joint Administrative Receivers Report under Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, please write to Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT.
Dated this 2nd day of April 1993
A.W. Brierley
Joint Administrative Receiver

IN THE MATTERS OF ABBEYGLOW LIMITED, MANAGEMENT FINANCE LTD, JOHN STREET EQUIPMENT LTD, AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
On 30 March 1993 the companies were placed into members' voluntary liquidation and Jacqueline B Stephenson of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.
The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the companies must send details, in writing, of any claim against the companies to the liquidator, at the above address by 18 May 1993 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that she will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The companies are able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Dated 2 April 1993
Jacqueline B Stephenson.
Liquidator

No 001692 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF FILOFAX GROUP PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 24th March 1993 confirming the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 26th March 1993.
Dated 7th April 1993
Beharrell, Thompson & Co
20 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7JP
Solicitors for the above-named Company

Notice to the Creditors of READICUT CRAFTS LIMITED
Company Number: 364446
(IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
On 24 March 1993, the above company was placed in Members Voluntary Liquidation and Ian Clifford Powell and Anthony John Patrick Brereton of Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester, M2 4WS, were appointed Liquidators by the shareholders.
The Liquidators give notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details in writing of any claims against the company to the Liquidators at the above address by Friday 30 April 1993 which is the last day for proving claims. The Liquidators also give notice that they will make a final distribution to creditors and that any creditors who do not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Dated: 31 March 1993
I C Powell, Joint Liquidator.

Notice of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers
Pursuant to Section 46(1) of The Insolvency Act 1986
We: D Swaden, FCA and D J Power, FCA of Leonard Curtis & Partners, 3rd Floor, Peter House, Oxford Street, Manchester M1 5AB we were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of J Dawson & Company Limited Registered No: 163144 by National Westminster Bank Plc on Thursday 25th March 1993 under the powers contained in a Debenture dated 21st January 1992
D Swaden FCA - Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
TS LAWTON & SONS LIMITED
IN RECEIVERSHIP
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 3.9 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of TS Lawton & Sons Limited will be held at The Pennine Hilton National, Ainley Top, Huddersfield on the twenty eighth day of April 1993 at 11.30 in the morning. The receivers' report will be presented to the meeting and the opportunity given to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
A Creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the administrative receivers at Price Waterhouse, 9 Bond Court, Leeds, LS1 2SN no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986. Copies of the receivers' report will be provided free of charge to all creditors who ask the receivers for a copy at the above address.
Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the administrative receivers if possible before the meeting. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
Dated the 2nd day of April 1993
R Marsh
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
POT PINK LEISURE LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the above named company will be held at The Marks Tey Hotel, London Road, Marks Tey, Near Colchester, Essex CO6 1DU on Wednesday 7th April 1993 at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Notice is also given, pursuant to Section 98(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Messrs. Shuttleworth & Company, 19 Mondreller Avenue, Bexley, Kent, DA5 3AP on the two business days falling next before the day of the Meeting.
Dated this 26th day of March 1993
By Order of the Board
Mr S. Surridge, Director.

In the High Court of Justice
High Court No: 0010118
IN THE MATTER OF L & R OSTROFF
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
I, David Julian Buchler of Buchler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF, was on 17 March 1993 appointed Liquidator of the above.
Dated 1 April 1993
D J BUCHLER, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
TSL ELECTRONICS LIMITED
IN RECEIVERSHIP
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 3.9 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of TSL Electronics Limited will be held at The Pennine Hilton National, Ainley Top, Huddersfield on the twenty eighth day of April 1993 at 10.30 in the morning. The receivers' report will be presented to the meeting and the opportunity given to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
A Creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the administrative receivers at Price Waterhouse, 9 Bond Court, Leeds, LS1 2SN no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986. Copies of the receivers' report will be provided free of charge to all creditors who ask the receivers for a copy at the above address.
Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the administrative receivers if possible before the meeting. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
Dated the 2nd day of April 1993
R Marsh
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
FW TAYLOR & SON LIMITED
IN RECEIVERSHIP
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 3.9 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of FW Taylor & Son Limited will be held at The Pennine Hilton National, Ainley Top, Huddersfield on the twenty eighth day of April 1993 at 10.00 in the morning. The receivers' report will be presented to the meeting and the opportunity given to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
A Creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the administrative receivers at Price Waterhouse, 9 Bond Court, Leeds, LS1 2SN no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986. Copies of the receivers' report will be provided free of charge to all creditors who ask the receivers for a copy at the above address.
Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the administrative receivers if possible before the meeting. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
Dated the 2nd day of April 1993
R Marsh
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
APTA Limited
Registered number: 2649880.
Trading name: Murdoch House Nursing Home - Woodbury House Nursing Home. Nature of business: Residential and Nursing Home Operator. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 2 April 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Julian Hodge Bank Limited. Joint Administrative Receivers: Derek Anthony Howell and Peter Ryan Cridland Donaldson (office holder nos: 786 and 550). Address: Price Waterhouse Haywood House Dumfries Place Cardiff CF1 4BA

The Insolvency Act 1986
CONTEMPORARY LITHOPLATES LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 31st March 1993.
Dated this 5th day of April 1993
M.R. Dorrington, Liquidator

WESTHOUGHTON CAR RADIO LIMITED
(Registered No. 1292104)
Nature of Business: Supplying and Installing Car Stereo Systems & Car Alarms etc. Trade Classification: 21 - Retail of Electrical Goods. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 31st March 1993. Name of Person Appointing the Administrative Receivers: The Royal Bank of Scotland Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter Lomas and Denis Joseph Kilroy. (office holder nos: 2079 and 2217 of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD)

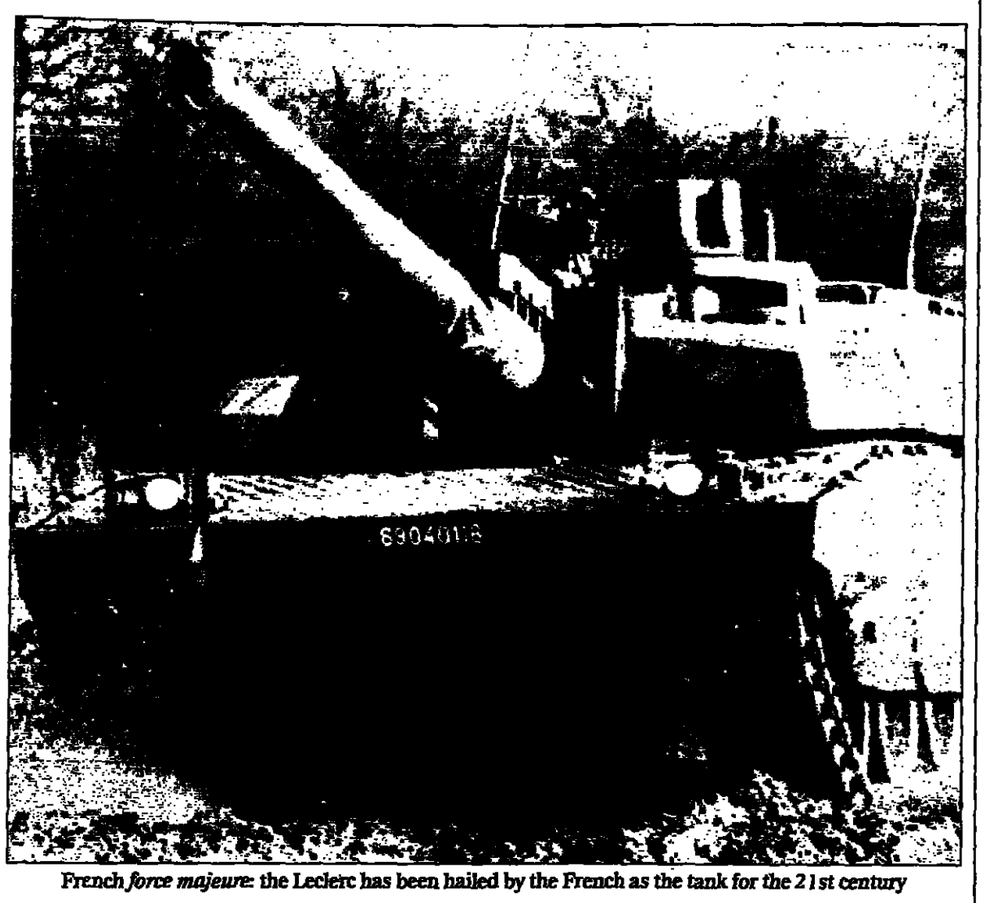
F.T. GORDON AND COMPANY LIMITED
We, David Emanuel Merton Mond & David Bottomley of Hodgsons, George House, 48 George Street, Manchester, M1 4HF, were appointed joint administrative receivers of F.T. Gordon and Company Limited, Registered number: 1238600 by Barclays Bank Plc on 30th March 1993.
D E M Mond, D Bottomley,
Joint Administrative Receivers

AQUARIUS PUBLICATIONS LTD.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 805 Salisbury House, 31 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2M 5SQ on 13 April 1993 at 10.00 am for the purposes mentioned in sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. Any information required by the Creditors concerning the Company's affairs may be obtained from G.M. Jones of Morison Stoneham, 805 Salisbury House, 31 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 5SQ, being a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner.
By Order of the Board
R. COX, DIRECTOR.
Date 1 April 1993

إ هكذا من الأصل

Leclerc tank fires loudest shot as France guns for arms deals

Alan Tillier finds the outlook brighter for a French defence industry that suffered in the post-1989 detente and recession



French *force majeure*: the Leclerc has been hailed by the French as the tank for the 21st century

The three-star Troisgros and other noted restaurants in and around the Loire River town of Roanne, northwest of Lyons, can look forward to increased business now that foreign arms buyers are heading for the local factory making the Leclerc tank.

At the same time, the Dassault assembly plant for Mirage jets at Bordeaux has been buoyed by foreign sales, while the large French missile industry, much of it situated at Bourges, south of Paris, and in the surrounding, duck-hunting Sologne countryside, has bulging order books. Recent news has been good for the French arms industry.

Hailed by the French as the tank for the 21st century, the Leclerc won a Fr30 billion order from the United Arab Emirates in February. The deal was struck despite strong competition from the General Dynamics' Abrams M1-A2 that saw service in the Gulf war and, earlier, from Vickers' Challenger 2. The order for 390 tanks and 46 armoured support and recovery vehicles rounded off a record year for exports. The French had sold about Fr52 billion worth of Mirage fighters, missiles and battlefield equipment.

The sales marked a comeback for the world's third largest defence industry, which had been hit by a combination of post-1989 detente and recession that led to pared defence budgets in France, as elsewhere.

The workforce in French arsenals and plane factories has shrunk from 700,000 a decade ago to just under 400,000, of which 248,000 are directly employed. The French defence budget has "stabilised" at Fr195 billion this year, and is much the same as the British figure.

Faced with leaner times, France has focused on new technology, not only for their tank but also for smart missiles (among them a new Exocet), "intelligent" ammunition and for the Mirage fighter. The latter reversed a seven-year decline in exports when it won a Fr22 billion Taiwan order for 60 Mirage 2000-5s, despite loud protests from Peking last year.

As much as a quarter of this contract could go to Matra for the Mica air-to-air missile, which equips the Mirage. That would further strengthen the £2.5 billion order book of Matra, Europe's leading missile company.

French arms makers are also seeking to expand their co-operation agreements, notably with European neighbours, including Britain. "Our business is becoming increasingly Europeanised," said a spokesman for Thomson-CSF, maker of electronics systems, which has signed joint ventures with Ferranti (sonar systems) and Pilkington (optronics) and, more recently, with Short Brothers. It had already bought Link Miles, British makers of flight simulators.

At Giat Industries, the new tank will need to win more export contracts to recoup part of the Fr47 billion cost of developing and making the Leclerc. However, Giat, a three-year-old state-owned group of ten French arms makers, successors to the one created in 1690 by Louis XIV, hopes that the freedom it now enjoys to export directly without passing through state intermediaries will lead to profits by 1995. Its last published accounts showed losses in 1991 of Fr400 million.

The recovery of French arms exports was stressed in March by Pierre Joxe, the former Socialist defence minister. When bowing out on the eve of the parliamentary elections, he pointed to a 46 per cent increase in arms exports last year. M Joxe gave himself much of the credit for the Emirates deal, the Leclerc order following others for the AMX tank and Mirages.

The Leclerc, with its 120mm gun, is ten tonnes lighter than its main rival, the Abrams, and therefore faster — 44mph on roads and more than 30mph across rough terrain. At a metre shorter, it is a more elusive target. An automatic loading mechanism means a three-man crew instead of the customary four. The French claim that the tank is a generation ahead of the Abrams, the German Leopard and the Challenger.

The Emirates sale was important in establishing the Leclerc's credibility beyond France. So far, the only other client is the French Army, which has reduced its original requirement of 1,300 to 650. Giat agreed to the installation in the export version of a German MTU engine and to generous offset agreements involving technological and industrial assistance for the Emirates on other projects.

The next market in French sights for the Leclerc is Sweden, which seeks up to 200 modern tanks. The Swedes want foreign partners, preferably European, to share the cost of their large defence industry. The Leclerc is competing with the Abrams and the Leopard 2, but French chances have increased after the signing of Franco-Swedish bilateral defence agreements, notably with Bofors for the joint development of a "smart" artillery shell equipped with guidance system. Bofors believes the world smart artillery market could be worth several billion dollars. The French also want to equip the Swedish Grippen fighter with Mica air-to-air missiles.

The policy of Thomson-CSF has been pro-European since it abandoned its efforts to buy American LTV missiles because of "US protectionist pressure". The group has targeted Italy and Britain, where it considers it has received a good welcome and is seeking "British identity step by step". Thomson's strengthened ties with Britain are part of a policy that has seen worldwide acquisitions of almost £1 billion since 1990 and joint ventures worth another £750 million. Another Thomson acquisition was that of Signaal, the naval combat systems branch of Philips in Holland. The French persuaded the Dutch government that it would build Signaal into a "centre of excellence" for domestic and export markets. The result of this expansion is continued profit on turnover of £4.2 billion, down 2.4 per cent last year. Thomson has proposed its Rita battlefield communications system, used by the US Army, to Taiwan.

Aerospatiale, the biggest of the state-owned plane and missile makers, has secured six orders for the new Exocet. Two of the orders are to equip frigates for Malaysia, being built by Jarrow Shipbuilding and corvettes for Oman at Vosper Thornycroft.

The French concern is working with British Aerospace and Deutsche Aerospace on the Trigat anti-tank missile. Another programme is the Aster, a European Patriot-style missile, with Italy's Aster and probably British Aerospace later. Aerospatiale is in the red, but has just sold 20 Super Puma helicopters to Turkey. Matra is developing the Apache air-to-ground missile and wants to work with British partners, while building the European military observation satellite Helios with Marconi.

Dassault, the most famous name in the French defence business is in better shape as a result of the Taiwan order for Mirages. The Dassault Electronique arm now has part of the Leclerc tank contract, and its orders have doubled to £1.2 billion. Dassault, in which the State has a large holding, is being pushed by the government to collaborate more closely with Aerospatiale. The days of Dassault's splendid isolation are over; as Serge Dassault, chairman, said: "No one in the world can build military planes these days with his own money."

TEMPUS

Bermuda triangle

THE willingness of Isosceles' lenders to restructure and ring-fence £923 million of the group's borrowings shows how desperate they are to prevent the group going into administration or worse. Admittedly, the proposals have not been approved by all the group's banks but, if passed, they look likely to force them to provide against most of that sum.

Some of the debt, the deep-discount bonds and preference shares, may be repaid if Gateway is sold in the distant future, but until then, dividends from Gateway Holdings, the new operating subsidiary, are unlikely to be able to service even the £267 million rump of Isosceles' unrestructured debt.

The ill-fated Isosceles buyout has been a banking black hole on the same scale as Imry or Heron. At the start of the recession, the banks were prepared to see such companies go into administration. They have since learnt it is better to preserve what little value remains than allow them to be dismembered and sold off cheaply. Hopefully, HSBC spotted Midland's exposure of up to £150 million before last year's takeover, otherwise there will be rough words in Poultry.

The banks may feel they have secured Gateway's future, but that is far from clear. The supermarket industry demands heavy investment and Gateway now has £80 million of unused loan facilities to develop its business. This is a pittance compared with the £653 million Tesco invested in new stores in 1992.

David Simons says that the money will be used to refurbish the main Gateway chain, but there is no evidence that the company has the right formula to defend its market share among increasingly sophisticated consumers. Group sales are still declining and margins are thin, so the mezzanine and senior lenders should ask themselves what the 55 per cent they own in the restructured group is worth.

Tesco

TESCO has learnt that the City is slow to forgive past disappointments, particularly if your competitors meet expectations. Having delivered unexciting earnings growth in the past two years, its rating has plunged against rivals J Sainsbury and Argyll.

The latest results, albeit creditable, are unlikely to turn the tide. Although overall sales were comfortably up, sales volumes in existing stores fell 0.9 per cent. The opening of superstores, with higher margins, will have to provide the engine for future growth.

However, the capital expenditure required to support such expansion has taken its toll on cash flow. The company had a net cash outflow, before financing, of £140 million and does not anticipate being cash neutral for another two or three years. So far, the new stores have performed well, but shareholders are still being asked to take a lot on trust.

Essentially, the group is fighting too many battles. It has tried to emulate Sainsbury by providing value-added products to ABC1s, but discounters are poaching its traditional C2DE customers. If Tesco wants to cater for both markets it will need longer shelves.

On a prospective p/e of 10 times, Tesco is cheap compared with the market, but there is still better value elsewhere in the sector. Earnings growth looks more promising at Argyll, now on a prospective p/e of 11.



Daimler-Benz

REGARDLESS of the Bundesbank's recent cuts in the discount rate, the German economy seems to be sliding faster into recession. Daimler-Benz's disappointing figures appropriately coincided with a series of grim economic statistics. The year-on-year decline in manufacturing orders is more than 13 per cent, while the 50,000 rise in March's unemployment figure shows how rapidly German companies are cutting costs to cope with the slump in demand.

Daimler's earnings figures have surprised the market before, but the DM29.60 per share the group made last year was up to DM10 less than forecasts. This, combined with the group's forecast of a 30 per cent earnings fall, was not what investors wanted to hear.

Given the scale of the economic downturn, Daimler's plans to shed 14,700 employees this year, less than 4 per cent of the group total, look modest. Unless the outlook for the German motor industry improves soon, that is one estimate the group may revise upwards.

TIP Europe

INSTITUTIONS that bought shares at 125p in TIP Europe's placing five years ago are likely to feel thoroughly peeved by yesterday's 42p cash offer from GE Capital, particularly as GE owns the company that sold TIP Europe to a management buyout in 1986.

Unfortunately, the offer is the best thing that could have happened to the company. Despite a £27 million rescue rights issue in 1991, TIP is still saddled with an unsupportable £130 million debt, and can barely cover its interest payments. The company would probably have needed another massive infusion of equity to survive.

Nevertheless, GE does seem to be picking up a bargain. If TIP had had the benefit of GE's low cost of funding last year, its profits would have been more than £2 million higher. GE has captured more than a quarter of the British trailer rental market, and a leading position in Europe. GE's resources will allow TIP to almost double its trailer fleet size in the next five years, putting pressure on its rival, Tiphook.

None of this is any comfort to TIP's burned shareholders. They have little alternative but accept, unless a higher offer emerges.

Fisons

FISONS has struggled to keep up with rivals in the past. It is going to find it doubly difficult in the future, now that development of its next generation asthma drug has been disbanded.

Tipredane was the main product in Fisons' research and development pipeline and had been used as a carrot to reassure investors that the group had a promising future. Investors have cause to feel let down, since the company was trumpeting the virtues of the drug only last month.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

IG Index bets on Pollard

HAVING struggled successfully to overcome the evils of gambling, it came as something of a shock for our stock market correspondent to discover that his old friend and personal bookmaker was coming out of retirement. "I can already visualise torn-up betting slips at the prospect of Ron Pollard making a welcome return to bookmaking," Michael Clark says. What makes it even worse is he has chosen IG Index, the Square Mile's own financial bookmaker, with which to make his comeback. Clark says: "It means I will have the opportunity to put some of my more hare-brained investment schemes into practice. Putting my money where my mouth is, so to speak. The prospect is frightening." Pollard joined IG on Monday on a PR consultancy basis. It is a shrewd move for IG. No one knows more than Pollard about gambling. During his 30 years as Cyril Stein's top betting man at Ladbrokes, Pollard introduced betting on everything from the general election outcome to the Miss World competition. I am sure he still has a few ideas up his sleeve.

Pink'un talk

JOURNALISTS at the *Financial Times*, many of them well versed in the art of reporting boardroom battles, are now speculating just where David Palmer, forced to clear his desk as chief executive after "differences in management style", will turn up next. Rumours are circulating in the FT's Southwark Bridge offices about Palmer's role, if any, in the loss of Richard McClean, deputy chief executive. Just days before the reshuffle, the FT announced that McClean would not be retiring early as expected. He would instead be joining the *International Herald Tribune*, one of the FT's closest competitors, in June, as chief executive. "Pushing your ablest executives into early retirement only to find he is off to be chief executive of your main competitor is not what I call style. But it's certainly different," says one senior correspondent, adding that staff were "jubilant" that David Bell, a more diplomatic man, has taken over from Palmer. "Palmer was not a team player and the FT is a team game."

Building bricks

MOST builders must feel as though they have been banging their heads against a brick wall since profits and share prices got hammered by the recession. Now some have reason to bleat about the bearers of bad news, not just the bad news itself. Presswatch, a monitoring agency that awards points on a scale of -60 to +60, according to how negative or positive the national press has been about a company, has some bad news for Costain. Last year, it attracted the most negative press coverage of any building contractor. Costain clocked up minus 1,153 points, but not far behind at minus 980 points was Taylor Woodrow. Steetley, the building material group recently taken over by Redland, fared poorly with minus 961 points. The labours of Presswatch may, however, be building up a lot of excitement for firms on the plus side. The newspapers' most favoured builder was Berkeley Group, which had a positive rating of 656 points, while Spring Ram, the most favoured buildings material group, secured 597 positive points. But sometimes newspapers get it wrong. Spring Ram shares have been temporarily suspended after worse than expected financial results.



"More used ones are being stolen"

INVESTORS in the stores sector might now be advised to take more seriously any circulars Goldman Sachs produces on Kingfisher. The American broker has hired Rod Whitehead, Kingfisher's 33-year-old investor relations and corporate finance manager, to become its stores analyst. He replaces Paul Deacon, who starts studying the food sector after 12 years spent pondering the retail business.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTERS

Balancing mortgages with values

From F. H. Williams

Sir, Your "Over 1m caught in mortgage trap" (April 4). I feel that more prominence should be given to your comments about re-possessed houses, and the fact that the Bank of England's estimated mortgages exceeding value is even higher, you say — 1.7 million or more.

This is a very serious situation for thousands of people and the consequent blockages in the housing market seem to suggest that unusual measures are necessary, even including emergency restriction of mortgage repayments to market value as a maximum. That would be rather hard on mortgagees, of course, but so are low price disposals, and in other types of investments lenders are having to face losses when selling under present conditions.

Yours faithfully,
F. H. Williams,
33 Moorham Road,
Winscombe,
Avon.

Of actions and words of policy on the lips of the Halifax chief

From M. J. Cummins

Sir, Within less than a week of the chief executive of the Halifax Building Society going on record to the effect that the society's policy would primarily be concerned with protecting the investors' earnings from further erosion, as opposed to reducing mortgage rates, the society announces a reduction in the interest payable to investors who have money in the Premium Xtra Account effective April 1.

If this is what the chief executive meant by looking after the society's investors, I have another phrase for it. Perhaps it is not without some significance that the reduction in the rates of interest apply only to an account where investors are locked in for twelve months, on pain of penalty if withdrawals are made; or is this another case of "read my lips"?

Yours faithfully,
M. J. CUMMINS,
21 Olney Road,
Minchinhampton,
Stroud, Gloucestershire.

Assuming one thought for all explains public alarm over inflation

From G. P. Walduck

Sir, So, according to Anatole Kaletsky, inflation has been defeated: but he asks the question, why has public alarm about inflation grown? He has two answers: disinformation and "the American experience". These are fine attempts to complicate what is really a simple issue.

The real reason for public alarm about inflation is the same as for the consumer-led recession: people know what is good for them, even if they don't realise it. As inflation reduced, the logic behind credit-backed purchases of goods — buy today, because tomorrow it will be dearer — evaporated. Although real interest rates may not have changed much, the ability to pay off debt via next year's pay rise evaporated with it. Hence the dash to pay debt at the expense of non-essential purchasing. The lack of consumer confidence bandied about by commentators was always nonsense; the recession will end not when confidence returns but when people perceive their debt burdens to be manageable.

Similarly with inflationary fears. Historically, except for the silent victims whose savings were eroding, inflation was a good thing. It had particular value in enhancing wealth through the gearing of house purchases, and it enabled many young people to enjoy a rapidly-rising standard of living. When a significant proportion of your non-discretionary expenditure is fixed or seems fixed (mortgages, life insurance, car purchase debts, etc.), a pay rise reflecting inflation can provide a very significant real increase in disposable income on top of gearing-based wealth increases. It is hardly surprising that there was a clamour for those pay rises that fuelled inflation and led to further rises in the perceived standard of living.

Three things have changed. First, those of us who had large mortgages in the seventies now have relatively small ones, so the benefits of inflation are reduced. Second, those same people are now conscious that they are getting closer to retirement and wish to protect their savings, which inflation erodes without compensation. Third, there is an appreciation all round that a determination on the part of economic regulators to contain inflation means pain, not gain, if rampant inflation reappears.

To figure out why things happen, and what might happen, is quite simple. You just have to consider what you would do under certain circumstances, then assume that most other people will think the same way.

Yours faithfully,
G. P. WALDUCK,
Woodlands,
Faversham Rd,
Challock,
Ashford,
Kent.

Letters to *The Times* Business and Finance section can be sent by fax on 071-782 5112. Correspondents should include a daytime telephone number

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Aktiebolaget SKF will be held at SKF Kristinedal, Byfogdegatan 4, Göteborg, at 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday April 28, 1993.

Annual General Meeting

Notice of Attendance

For the right to participate in the meeting, shareholders must be recorded in the shareholders' register kept by the Securities Register Centre (VPC AB) by Friday April 16, 1993 and must notify the Company before noon Friday April 23 of their intention to attend (Aktiebolaget SKF, S-415 50 Göteborg, Tel: +46-31-37 26 52), giving details of name, address, telephone and shareholding.

Dividends

The Board of Directors proposes that no dividend be paid based on the financial year 1992.

Proxy forms are available from:
AB SKF, S-415 50 Göteborg, Sweden.
Tel: +46-31-37 26 52 & 37 10 00.

Göteborg, April 1993. The Board of Directors

SKF

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Bid Offer +/- Yld %

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0345 717373
MAXIMtrust 112.90 120.70 -0.10 1.04
International 84.43 89.81 -0.23 1.00
Dividend Gth 56.45 60.05 -0.03 4.68
Global Gth Sec 60.96 64.85 -0.12 2.67
Ethical Growth 63.83 67.90 -0.21 2.58
High Inc Equity 147.40 156.80† -0.30 5.08
Worldwide Bond 260.70 276.40 ... 4.38
Gilts Fixed Int 130.10 137.90† -0.10 5.97

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
0224 633070
Dealing: 0800 833580
30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ
071 374 6801
Amer Inc Gth 41.94 44.28† -0.27 1.91
European 79.46 84.19 +0.17 ...
European Inc 76.67 81.81† +0.03 1.83
Exempt 878.30 905.50† +0.50 3.38
Extra Inc 41.89 45.55† +0.05 5.52
F East Emerg Ec 80.20 86.40 +0.36 0.74

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL
0793 514514
Dealing: 0793 610366
High Inc 364.10 389.20† -1.40 4.32
Equity Inc 204.90 219.00† -0.60 4.16
High Yield 229.00 244.70 -0.70 4.25
Balanced 621.50 664.30 -3.60 2.81
American Inc 47.74 51.03 +0.42 3.35
Wld Asset Val 38.26 40.89 -0.07 2.01
Japan 174.50 185.80 -1.00 0.01
Secs of Am 402.30 428.40 -0.70 0.47

AXA EQUITY & LAW
St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD.
0203 553231
UK Growth Acc 307.20 326.90 +0.50 2.84
-do- Inc 220.10 234.20 +0.20 2.84
Higher Inc Acc 560.20 596.00 +1.50 3.79
-do- Inc 345.60 367.70 +1.00 3.79
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc 175.20 185.00† ... 6.09
-do- Inc 91.83 96.98† -0.02 6.09
Nth America 248.50 264.40 ... ...
Far East 276.10 293.80 -3.20 0.20
Europe 216.70 230.60† +0.60 1.04
General Inc 415.70 442.30† -0.10 2.51
-do- Acc 456.40 485.60† -0.20 2.51
Brit Excell 62.27 66.25 +0.16 2.84
Brit Pudmstls Inc 64.85 68.99† -0.04 5.06
Brit Pudmstls Acc 83.59 88.93† -0.04 5.06
Global Opps 69.74 74.20 -0.41 ...

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15
081 534 5544
Capital 104.10 111.40 -0.40 3.13
Euro Gth Inc 111.90 118.70 -0.40 0.99
Extra Inc 101.10 108.10† -0.30 5.47
General 233.90 250.20† -0.30 3.45
Gilt Fxd Inc 58.05 60.03† -0.07 8.63
Income 468.10 500.60 -0.80 4.98

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
081 658 9002
American Gth 89.32 94.86 +0.11 0.10
Amer Smllr Cos 113.90 122.10 -0.20 ...
Convertibles 51.76 55.35† -0.20 6.90
Eastern 169.70 181.90 -0.20 1.60
Equity Income 80.50 85.63 -0.26 6.20
European Gth 227.80 242.10 +0.90 1.50
Euro Smllr Cos 149.40 159.30 ... 1.90
Exempt 81.82 84.04 ... 3.80
German Growth 51.71 58.37 -0.02 0.70
Global Growth 106.40 113.40 -0.10 ...
Japan Growth 184.20 197.50 -2.40 ...
Japan Sunrise 153.50 163.90 -0.50 ...
Portfolio 115.20 123.30† +0.30 3.20
-do- Acc 205.30 219.70† +0.20 3.20
UK Growth 78.46 83.46 -0.70 2.90
UK Smaller Cos 79.20 84.70 -0.30 1.90
Select Managers 61.76 66.20† -0.07 2.00

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
198 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041 332 3132
Balan Gth Acc 101.94 109.03 -0.03 1.87
-do- Inc 92.67 99.11† -0.02 1.87
Global Bond 29.04 30.81 -0.05 5.03
High Yield Acc 51.43 55.01 -0.06 4.43
-do- Inc 37.33 39.93† -0.05 4.43
Smlr Cos Acc 85.99 91.97 -0.17 1.35
-do- Inc 79.52 85.05 -0.16 1.35
Amer Gth Acc 57.59 61.59 +0.07 ...
-do- Inc 56.52 60.45 +0.07 ...
Euro Gth Acc 95.42 102.05 +0.70 1.07
-do- Inc 94.11 100.65† +0.69 1.07
Mngd P folio 33.83 36.19† +0.02 1.46
Pacific Growth 89.74 95.98 -0.23 0.58
Intl Spec Opps 85.07 90.98 +0.19 0.67

BROWN SHIPLEY
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144
Financial 117.20 124.80† -0.10 3.56
Smaller Cos Acc 270.80 289.80 -1.30 ...
Smaller Cos Inc 158.60 169.70† -0.80 1.36
High Inc 68.60 73.75† -0.17 7.48
Income 123.30 132.00† +0.30 4.40
Mngd P folio Inc 90.99 96.50 -0.27 2.15
-do- Acc 171.90 182.10 -0.50 ...
North American 101.10 107.70 -0.10 0.20
Orient 113.40 122.10 -0.60 ...
Recovery 36.90 39.66 -0.13 2.98
German 42.20 45.25 -0.17 0.09
Intl Growth 32.14 34.23 -0.11 0.23
European Inc 22.27 23.97 -0.10 0.47

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542
Dealing: 071 247 7474
Fellowship Tst 62.71 66.72† +0.41 1.12
-do- Acc 70.69 75.21 +0.46 1.12
Income Fund 5 212.80 226.40 +0.70 4.00
-do- Acc 483.90 514.80 +1.80 4.00
Inv Portfolio 66.49 68.91 +0.04 2.01
-do- Acc 75.08 77.81 +0.05 2.01
Smaller Cos 120.10 122.80 +0.70 1.99
-do- Acc 144.30 153.60 -0.70 1.99
High Inc P folio 59.22 61.37 +0.09 4.73

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL
071 480 7216
Str Gilt Fxd Int 66.18 67.08† -0.02 5.99

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 8AH
061 837 5060
Environ 133.30 141.90 +0.10 1.67
UK Growth 144.60 153.90 +0.40 2.08
UK Income 119.60 127.30† ... 4.32

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB
081 902 8876
SE Asia 78.05 83.48† +0.04 1.10
Growth 43.76 46.80 +0.08 3.06
Income 52.41 56.05 +0.01 4.34
Far East 45.27 48.42† -0.45 0.16
North American 78.49 84.40 -0.16 0.01
Global 79.47 85.00† -0.39 0.78
European 68.11 72.85† +0.20 1.72
Japan 102.80 110.00 -1.50 0.01
Intl Currency Bd 56.89 60.30† -0.22 5.32
UK Cap Gwth 76.12 81.63† -0.09 2.05

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
Enquiries: 061 236 5685
Dealing: 061 236 5362
Capability Trusts
American Gen 126.70 134.80† ... 0.15
-do- Acc 134.60 143.20 -0.30 0.15
European 65.62 69.55 -0.29 1.03
-do- Acc 68.01 72.09 -0.31 1.03
Far East Gen 60.40 64.26† -1.02 ...
-do- Acc 60.40 64.26 -1.03 ...
Glenfriars 240.60 256.00† +0.30 0.96
-do- Acc 270.90 288.20 +0.40 0.96
Growth 370.00 395.80† -0.30 2.67
-do- Acc 633.30 677.40 -0.50 2.67
Income Growth 369.90 393.60 +0.40 4.08
-do- Acc 491.90 523.20 +0.50 4.08
Master Portfolio 9255.0 9583.0† -13.00 2.77
-do- Acc 10739.0 11120.0 -15.00 2.77
Special Sits 85.14 90.58 -0.13 2.55
-do- Acc 99.63 106.00 -0.15 2.55
Exempt Fund
High Yield 1192.0 1220.0 +1.00 4.54
-do- Acc 1380.0 1423.0 +1.00 4.54

CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU
071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055
American Index 188.00 200.20 +1.20 1.52
Capital 521.60 556.60† +4.20 2.39
Eurotrack 100 127.70 135.90 +0.80 1.52
Euro Gth 79.12 84.25 +0.17 1.38
Far East Growth 84.78 90.48 +0.20 0.14
Global Bond 23.07 24.32 +0.01 5.88
Hong Kong 70.02 74.72† -0.41 0.60
Income 490.90 522.90† +0.20 4.60
Intl Growth 71.89 76.72 -0.04 0.99
Japan Growth 247.10 265.70 -1.60 ...
Japan Smllr Cos 30.21 32.24 -0.27 ...
Japan Index 72.62 77.50 -1.79 0.25
Nth American 412.60 440.30† +0.20 0.98
S pore Mly Gth 49.57 52.90 +0.47 ...
The Footsie Fd 106.50 112.40 +0.20 2.62
Tiger Index 132.10 140.90 -0.30 0.71
Triple Index 100.90 107.60† -0.30 2.67
UK Index 121.20 129.33 +0.20 3.01

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0708
American P folio 81.39 86.93 +0.33 1.00
European P folio 71.64 76.12† +0.35 1.38
Japanese P folio 59.75 63.38 -0.91 ...
Pacific P folio 91.79 98.70 +0.55 2.43
Cazenove P folio 69.02 73.82 +0.09 3.00
UK Income Gth 61.41 65.94† ... 5.00
Utility & Bond 50.67 51.32 +0.19 7.00

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815
Investment Fd 605.20 612.50 +3.10 4.72
Fixed Int 155.70 156.43 ... 9.27
Deposit 5.80 ... 5.93 ...

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815
Income 590.99 597.49 -2.86 5.00
-do- Acc 2331.6 2337.6 +20.97 ...
Deposit 5.75 ... 5.93 ...
Fxd Int Inc 127.00 127.01 -0.21 9.13
-do- Acc 167.75 167.79 +0.91 ...

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1
071 407 5966
City Fin Assets 61.91 65.17† ... 2.40
Beckman Intl 81.09 85.87† ... 3.30
Friars Hse Inc 178.57 192.01 ... 6.46
Friars Hse Cap 247.28 265.89 ... 2.92

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222
Dealing: 081 686 9818
Japan Gth Acc 38.40 40.85 -0.63 ...
Managed 61.38 65.30 -0.01 2.96
-do- Acc 74.13 78.86 -0.01 2.96
Smaller Cos 32.56 34.64 -0.14 2.26
-do- Acc 36.68 39.02 -0.16 2.26
UK General 67.62 71.94 +0.03 2.76
-do- Acc 81.07 86.24 +0.04 2.76
Wwide Bd 61.93 65.77† +0.22 6.64
-do- Acc 79.66 84.60 +0.28 6.64
Wwide Sp Sits 34.89 38.71 -0.05 0.19
-do- Acc 57.19 61.17 -0.05 0.19
Quilter General 118.12 125.66† +0.13 2.81
-do- Acc 131.26 139.62 +0.15 2.81
Quilter Income 91.11 96.93† -0.38 4.49
-do- Acc 112.29 119.46 -0.47 4.49
Quilter Intl 124.87 132.84 -0.12 0.74
-do- Acc 126.59 134.67 -0.12 0.74
Quilter UK Spec 68.38 72.74 -0.44 2.14
-do- Acc 90.45 96.22 -0.59 2.14
CU Prestige Fund Management
Deposit 91.51 91.51† +0.01 5.63
-do- Acc 91.51 91.51† +0.01 5.63
Fin Property 101.08 107.53 +0.16 1.42
Fixed Conv 40.85 43.46 -0.10 8.24
-do- Acc 108.74 113.55 -0.29 8.26
Equity Inc 144.76 154.00 +0.14 4.02
-do- Acc 464.08 493.34 +0.43 4.02
High Yield 116.52 123.98† -0.16 5.39
-do- Acc 440.36 468.48 -0.57 5.39
Preference 45.58 48.49† +0.02 8.25
-do- Acc 234.01 248.95 +0.18 8.28
PPT Europe 147.76 157.19† +0.63 1.17
PPT Mthly Inc Plus 47.26 50.28† ... 8.87
PPT Global Bnd 81.22 86.22† -0.06 5.56
PPT Gold Com 50.95 54.20† -0.12 ...
PPT Oriental Gth 52.89 56.27† +0.03 0.85
PPT Far East Gth 98.12 104.38† -0.30 0.44
PPT Japan 110.03 117.05† -1.82 ...
PPT N Amer 146.22 155.55† +0.33 0.05
PPT UK Gth 114.13 121.41 +0.02 2.26

EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ
0242 577 555
Oriental Op Acc 73.32 78.00 -0.17 1.02
Japanese Acc 57.60 61.28 -1.04 ...
UK Balncd Inc 124.60 132.60 -0.40 2.53
-do- Acc 145.50 154.80 -0.40 2.53
UK Growth Acc 205.00 218.10 -0.60 2.21
UK High Inc 132.70 141.20 -0.10 6.73
-do- Acc 156.70 166.70 -0.10 6.73
N America Acc 109.00 116.00 +0.40 0.23
European Acc 151.00 160.60 +0.70 0.44
UK Pref Fd Inc 60.47 64.16 -0.08 8.81
-do- Acc 97.59 103.60 -0.10 8.81
Intl Sp Sits Acc 46.23 49.18 -0.23 0.23
Environmntl Opp 70.86 75.40 -0.09 1.67

EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000
American 110.30 117.20 +0.70 ...
UK Smlr Cos 184.80 195.30 -0.70 1.22
Eurofund 37.47 39.66 +0.15 1.01
Mngd Exempt 162.60 169.50 -3.00 3.10
Growth Inc 208.90 222.00 +0.90 4.08
High Dist 135.70 144.30 +0.10 6.00
International 313.90 333.50 +0.30 0.97
Intl Income 79.73 85.11† +0.34 3.05
Pacific 54.58 57.99 +0.33 0.52
Smllr Jap Cos 61.02 64.83 -0.28 ...
Tokyo 192.70 204.70 -4.20 ...
Japan Exempt 103.80 103.50 +3.20 0.48
Sm Jap Exempt 494.20 507.70 +3.90 0.10

Formerly Target
American Eagle 121.00 128.60 -0.50 0.73
Australia 7.041 7.481 -0.005 1.07
Equity 181.80 193.20 -0.10 4.42
Euro Spec Sits 141.10 149.30 ... 0.58
Financial 38.97 41.41 +0.04 2.95
Global Opps Inc 86.10 91.48 -0.20 2.20
-do- Acc 89.25 94.83 -0.20 2.20
Gold Gen Inc 43.39 46.10 -0.27 0.94
-do- Acc 82.79 87.96 +0.53 0.94
Income 118.10 125.50 -0.10 4.92
Japan General 146.20 155.30 -2.20 ...
Preference 21.22 22.55† -0.07 8.05
UK Capital 100.80 107.10 +0.10 3.15
Worldwide Cap 192.80 204.80 -0.70 3.14
World Income 82.27 87.41 +0.60 3.48

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261
Endurance 167.70 178.40 ... 1.13

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW
0296 431480
Pelican 101.87 107.22† -1.89 3.45
High Income 118.80 125.05 -0.38 4.95
Tst of Inv Tsts 139.49 146.83 -0.01 2.19
Special Sits 82.16 86.48 -0.50 3.01
North American 102.47 107.86 +0.37 0.95
Far Eastern 223.73 235.50 +0.30 1.48
Intl Growth 90.16 94.91† -0.17 1.42
European 63.12 66.44 +0.28 2.21
Smaller Cos 69.31 72.96 -0.22 2.19

FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE
0273 220 707
United Charities 222.40 236.60 ... 3.48

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181
Cash Unit Tst 100.00 100.00 ... 6.00
European Tst 112.00 119.10 +0.40 ...
High Income 24.43 25.71† -0.04 5.87

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000
European 92.37 97.76 +0.30 0.88
Far Eastern 128.30 136.90 -1.20 ...
Oseas Income 87.77 94.00 -0.52 2.80
UK Growth 90.88 97.20 -0.15 1.34
UK Income 99.39 106.30 -0.30 3.91
US Smaller Cos 233.80 250.00 +0.90 ...

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100
Am Smllr Co 408.80 437.10 -3.00 ...
-do- Acc 417.70 446.60 -3.00 ...
Capital 280.40 298.20 +0.90 3.08
-do- Acc 390.50 415.30 +1.40 2.08
Conti Smllr Cos 47.09 50.70 +0.20 1.07
-do- Acc 48.72 52.45 +0.20 1.07
Convertible 109.10 116.00 -0.60 6.47
-do- Acc 202.10 214.90 -1.10 6.47
European 96.14 102.60 +0.10 1.14
-do- Acc 99.35 106.00 +0.10 1.14
Extra Income 284.20 302.30 -0.50 4.40
-do- Acc 398.00 423.30 -0.60 4.40
Financial 103.80 111.50 -0.10 0.70
-do- Acc 108.00 116.10 -0.10 0.70
Health Fund Inc 104.80 111.90 ... ...
-do- Acc 104.80 111.90 ... ...
Income Tst 175.20 186.30 +0.40 4.03
-do- Acc 244.20 259.70 +0.60 4.03
Intl Growth 297.40 317.50 +0.10 ...
-do- Acc 330.30 352.50 ... ...
Japan Gen 155.50 166.40 -1.40 ...
-do- Acc 157.10 168.10 -1.40 ...
Mngd P folio Inc 87.98 92.61 -0.03 1.04
-do- Acc 92.23 97.08 -0.03 1.04
Monthly Income 144.30 153.40 -0.30 4.55
Recovery 280.30 299.70 -0.50 0.86
-do- Acc 328.30 351.00 -0.60 0.86
Gilt Gth Tst 60.67 62.56 +0.06 6.78
-do- Acc 78.36 80.80 +0.09 6.78

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH
Dealing: 0722 411411
Administration: 0722 411622
Equity Dist 342.66 364.53 -0.01 2.87
-do- Acc 691.87 736.03 -0.03 2.87
Euro Gth Dist 103.27 109.86 +0.05 0.91
-do- Acc 106.34 113.13 +0.04 0.91
Fixed Int Dist 130.22 137.74† -0.18 6.35
-do- Acc 218.77 231.40† -0.27 6.35
Intl Gth Dist 74.06 78.79 -0.18 0.84
-do- Acc 76.61 81.50 -0.19 0.84
Nth Amer Dist 164.55 174.33 +0.65 0.76
-do- Acc 178.44 189.05 +0.71 0.76
Pac Basin Dist 228.48 243.06 -0.88 0.33
-do- Acc 232.08 246.89 -0.88 0.33
Stewardship Dist 296.23 315.14 -0.87 1.82
-do- Acc 350.47 372.84 -1.05 1.82
Stwd Inc Dist 61.47 65.39 -0.11 3.56
-do- Acc 75.31 80.12 -0.14 3.56
N Am Stwd Dist 97.13 103.33 +1.14 ...
-do- Acc 102.74 109.30 +1.20 ...

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431
Am Sp Sits 132.80 142.10† -0.30 ...
European 390.30 413.70† +2.10 1.03
Far East General 205.10 217.30 -0.10 0.33
Germany 98.04 103.70 +0.30 0.44
Global Assets In 65.76 70.25 +0.18 2.30
Global Assets Ac 68.91 73.60 +0.18 2.27
Income Inc 110.70 118.40† +0.30 7.42
International 252.60 270.20† +1.30 1.03
Intl Income 75.87 80.65 +0.08 4.94
Japan General 334.50 355.50† -1.00 ...
Smlr Cos Div 45.02 48.15 -0.18 6.31
UK Capital Inc 153.90 164.60 -0.30 4.05
-do- Acc 263.20 281.50 -0.40 3.98
Uk Spec Sits 70.28 75.17 -0.28 1.69
US General 110.20 117.30 +0.10 0.11
W wide Spec Sits 110.40 118.10 -0.60 0.11

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212
Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336
UK Growth Funds
British Growth 42.76 45.73 +0.25 1.68
Cash Trust* 128.00 128.00 +0.01 5.28
Tract Inv Inc 100.39 107.35† +0.14 3.97
-do- Acc 215.30 230.88† +0.31 3.97
UK Smaller Cos 94.38 101.21 -3.14 1.48
Income Funds
Preference Share 24.98 26.72 -0.11 7.86
High Inc 30.86 33.01 +0.02 5.06
UK Equity Inc 127.36 136.21 +0.16 3.90
Global Bond 28.05 30.09† -0.01 5.75
International Funds
Gold Intl 72.46 77.70 +1.22 1.22
Frontier Markets 39.62 42.49† +0.09 0.21
Global Inc Gth 116.41 124.27† +0.44 2.21
UK Intl 107.81 115.30 -0.19 0.68
Overseas Funds
American 125.29 133.57 +0.53 0.55
European 80.12 84.95† +0.55 0.71
Euro Sel Opps 91.62 97.60 +0.49 1.09
American Emerg 76.84 82.40 -0.21 ...
Hong Kong 101.49 108.84† +0.51 2.11
Japan 207.27 214.18 -3.98 ...
Pacific Growth 139.81 149.93 +0.14 0.47

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979
Dealing: 071 588 0526
Intl Growth 120.21 128.57 -0.20 0.37
American Gth 115.46 123.49 -2.96 ...
European Gth 68.00 72.65 +0.48 0.42
German Horizn ... ...
Japan Gth 73.60 78.72 -0.87 ...
Pacific Inc 126.95 135.78 -0.52 2.85
Pacific Strategy 105.78 113.13 -0.19 0.25
UK Prog Inc 75.78 79.89 +0.04 4.61
Gt British Cos 47.80 50.33 -0.07 2.70
UK Small Cos 44.54 47.64 +1.06 2.12

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE
071 538 9448
Cash 130.60 130.60 ... 5.01
Gilt Fixed 119.50 126.70 -0.40 6.50
Growth Equity 281.00 300.20 -0.60 2.11
Guardhill 415.40 443.70 -1.20 2.37
Income Trust 107.40 114.70† -0.20 3.42
International 151.50 161.80 -0.50 0.37
Japan Trust 117.20 125.20 -1.70 ...
Nth American 249.60 266.60 +0.70 0.46
Pacific 351.30 375.30 -1.30 ...
European 334.00 356.80 -0.70 0.57

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW
0800 838868
Global Adv Inc 34.33 36.40 -0.10 1.76
-do- Acc 35.90 38.09 -0.10 1.76
Inc Adv Inc 29.15 30.90† -0.30 4.23
-do- Acc 30.30 32.12 -0.30 4.23

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 690390
Canadian 70.62 75.65 +0.80 0.96
Equity Income 111.60 118.70† ... 3.97
European 130.40 138.00† +0.50 0.88
Intl Situation 73.32 78.00 +0.16 ...
Japanese 133.30 141.40 -2.30 ...
North American 97.11 103.00 +0.40 0.06
Scandinavian 103.30 109.20 -0.10 0.47
Smaller Cos 28.87 30.71 -0.76 2.28

HENDERSON
PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT
Enquiries: 0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 234773
Amer Smaller 86.19 92.18 -0.29 ...
Asian Enterprise 116.22 125.54 +0.28 1.02
Australian 129.32 138.23† -0.36 1.58
European 358.84 379.89 +2.01 1.13
European Inc 68.25 72.19 +0.13 3.48
Euro Smll Cos 121.01 128.87 -0.31 1.14
Extra Income 252.64 268.95† -1.48 5.06
Family of Funds 67.74 72.36 -0.21 1.34
Fixed Interest 55.03 58.85† -0.26 8.84
Global Resour 90.07 96.68 +0.78 1.16
High Inc 278.39 297.59 +0.37 4.78
Income Gth 231.39 246.42 +0.44 4.13
-do- Acc 582.30 620.13 +1.12 4.13
International 220.58 234.71† +0.05 1.01
Japan Spc Sit 214.87 228.50 -3.43 ...
Japan 184.28 196.53 -3.32 ...
N Amer 218.45 232.38 +0.33 0.17
Pacific Smllr Cos 165.18 178.49† -1.01 0.65
Pref Gilt 46.28 50.30 -0.11 8.32
Smaller Cos Div 156.65 170.73 -0.48 4.85
Special Sits 247.98 265.33† -0.21 2.20
-do- Acc 382.11 408.85† -0.33 2.20
Best of British 54.07 57.57 +0.08 2.73
Spirit of the East 55.59 59.48† -0.31 0.52

HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355
British 86.46 92.47 -0.55 2.35
Capital 151.90 162.40 -0.10 1.99
Dollar 296.50 319.20 +1.80 0.17
European 190.50 203.70 +1.20 0.55
Far East 221.90 237.30 -0.30 0.64
Financial 643.70 688.40† -1.40 2.59
Gilt Fxd Int Inc 25.79 26.79 -0.08 8.01
High Yield 98.09 104.90 -0.10 4.97
Income 131.00 140.10 -1.50 3.54
Intl 207.70 222.10 -0.30 0.36
Japan Tech 65.70 68.12 -0.82 ...
Nat Resources 55.41 59.26 +0.49 0.80
Security 289.20 309.30† +0.30 2.13
Smaller Cos 103.60 110.80† -0.30 1.64
Special Sits 132.60 141.80† -0.10 2.09
US Smaller Cos 61.47 65.74 +0.11 ...

IBI FUND MANAGERS
36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN
071 489 8673
Brit O seas 240.50 253.20 +0.40 1.43
Capital Gwth 98.49 103.70 -2.20 2.55
Inv Trusts 124.50 130.80 ... 0.72

INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR
071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733
UK Specialist Trusts
Smaller Cos 22.95 25.15 -0.10 1.65
Special Features 26.25 27.89† +0.08 1.46
-do- Acc 31.04 32.97† +0.09 1.45
General Funds
UK Growth 51.81 55.54 +0.26 1.98
Assets Earnings 69.28 73.61 +0.22 1.86
do Acc 81.41 86.49 +0.24 1.86
Managed Invest 82.98 88.64 -0.04 1.23
Expert Children 74.37 79.32† +0.17 1.67
High Income Funds
Cashbox 50.33 50.33† ... 4.96
Extra Inc 77.27 82.80 +0.19 4.57
Gilt 27.92 29.39 -0.04 6.97
Income Gth 37.99 40.65 +0.06 3.34
MIMstar 74.82 78.57† -0.12 7.93
Preference 17.60 19.26† -0.03 6.20
UK Income 298.20 318.90† +0.30 3.10
Sector Specialist Funds
Fincl Sec 54.51 57.91 -0.07 1.32
Property Shares 56.99 60.55† +0.02 2.21
Exempt Funds
Exempt 139.40 146.60 +0.50 3.59
European Exempt 108.40 114.90 +0.40 1.14
European Dist 103.20 109.40 +0.40 1.76
Overseas Growth Funds
American Gth 47.53 50.50† +0.21 1.01
European Perf 105.30 111.70 +0.50 1.08
-do- Acc 107.30 113.80 +0.50 1.08
Euro Small Cos 20.54 21.88 +0.05 0.74
French Growth 67.11 71.45 -0.20 0.40
-do- Acc 71.69 76.31 -0.22 0.40
Hong K/China 62.96 67.61 -0.98 1.61
Intl Growth 49.19 52.26 -0.04 0.76
-do- Acc 49.19 52.26 -0.04 0.76
Japan Perf 31.91 33.89 -0.32 ...
Accum Units 31.91 33.89 -0.32 ...
Japan Smllr Cos 32.76 34.80 -0.39 ...
Singapore Asean 70.55 76.42 +0.41 0.43
-do- Acc 70.99 76.90 +0.42 0.43
South East Asia 206.40 223.10† +0.80 1.09
US Smllr Cos 102.30 108.60 -1.20 ...
-do- Acc 103.40 109.80 -1.20 ...
Overseas Income Funds
Global Inc 81.60 86.95 +0.26 2.56
Intl Bond 56.13 56.87† +0.04 6.32

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3
071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354
Income Trusts
Cash Acc* 69.02 69.36† +0.01 5.08
Extra Income 50.28 53.49† +0.09 6.84
Gilt Yield 118.80 125.30† -0.10 7.35
Global Income 191.10 203.30 +1.28 4.31
High Yield 128.60 136.80† +1.37 6.05
Smllr Cos Div 43.90 46.70 -0.04 4.67
Capital Growth Trusts
Amer Smllr Cos 88.30 93.83 +0.16 ...
North American 73.76 78.47 +0.57 0.41
European 127.80 136.00 +0.50 0.86
Euro Special 76.47 81.35 +0.24 0.95
General 258.90 275.40 +0.50 3.24
Japan 373.80 397.70 +0.80 ...
Japanese Special 169.60 200.00† -1.60 ...
Master Acc 209.10 222.40 +0.30 1.39
Pacific 246.80 262.60 -0.40 0.47
Smaller Cos 94.41 100.40 -0.32 2.03
UK Equity Gth 33.92 36.08 -0.07 1.80

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB
031 556 5151
European 72.87 77.52 +0.17 0.91
Extra Income 23.49 24.99† -0.23 3.23
Far East 25.04 26.64† -0.11 1.00
Income Gwth 70.60 75.43† +0.03 2.86
Intl Growth 49.65 52.82† -0.22 0.79
Japan 58.70 62.45 -0.65 ...
Maximum Dist* 102.70 102.70 ... 6.95
N Amer Equity 38.46 40.91 -0.06 0.50
UK Equity 85.08 90.51 +0.20 2.68

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966
Income Gth Inc 52.06 55.38 +0.16 4.51

LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex
Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690345
Equity Dist 413.10 439.50 -0.30 2.94
Equity Acc 784.20 834.30 -0.50 2.94
Equity Income 89.14 94.83 -0.15 5.21
European 93.66 99.64 +0.46 1.72
Far Eastern 168.00 178.70 -1.10 0.32
Fixed Interest 51.12 54.38† -0.02 7.40
Gilt 80.51 85.59† -1.87 7.00
Global Growth 63.12 67.15 +0.11 0.77
Intl Bond 55.50 59.04 +0.11 5.00
Japanese 64.59 68.71 -0.86 ...
Overseas Equity 92.04 97.91 +0.26 0.81
Pacific Gth 78.57 83.59† +0.15 1.34

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF
0634 834313
Balanced 310.20 330.00 ... 3.00
-do- Acc 671.70 714.60 ... 3.00
Conti Euro Gth 50.29 52.94 ... 1.34
-do- Acc 53.18 55.98 ... 1.34
Extra Inc 236.30 251.30 ... 4.05
-do- Acc 574.50 611.20 ... 4.05
German Gth 100.10 105.40 ... 0.33
-do- Acc 105.00 110.60 ... 0.33
Growth Port 478.30 508.70 ... 0.63
-do- Acc 478.30 508.70 ... 0.63
Income 441.40 469.60 ... 3.85
-do- Acc 1118.0 1190.0 ... 3.85
Income Port 483.90 514.00 ... 4.77
-do- Acc 483.90 514.00 ... 4.77
Japan Growth 91.25 97.08 ... 0.01
-do- Acc 91.57 97.42 ... 0.01
Master Trust 50.63 53.87 ... 1.47
-do- Acc 55.08 58.58 ... 1.47
N American Gen 173.80 185.00 ... 0.01
-do- Acc 200.90 213.80 ... 0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec 127.50 135.70 ... 0.01
-do- Acc 130.10 138.50 ... 0.01
Pacific Basin 188.90 201.00 ... 0.66
-do- Acc 199.60 212.40 ... 0.66
Small Cos Rec 293.70 309.20 ... 2.48
-do- Acc 378.80 398.80 ... 2.48
UK Growth 77.10 82.03 ... 2.34
-do- Acc 89.91 95.65 ... 2.34
Worldwide Gth 265.20 282.20 ... 0.29
-do- Acc 390.80 415.80 ... 0.29

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS
0392 282673
General 76.17 81.73 -0.09 3.00
Income 57.75 61.96† -0.05 6.10
International 54.66 58.65 -0.09 0.80
American 57.72 61.93 +0.26 0.40
Japan 48.70 52.25 -0.91 ...
Tst of Inv Trusts 52.76 56.61† -0.04 2.00

M & G SECURITIES LTD
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB
Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390
American Gen 376.60 397.30 +2.80 0.89
-do- Acc 464.70 490.50 +3.50 0.89
American Rec 397.20 420.00 +3.00 0.30
-do- Acc 454.40 480.50 +3.40 0.30
Am Sm Co Acc 112.50 118.90 +0.20 0.05
Australia Acc 140.10 148.20 +0.90 1.45
Capital 615.30 650.70 -1.70 2.79
-do- Acc 678.90 718.00 -1.90 2.79
Commodity Acc 405.50 428.90 +3.60 0.98
Compnd Gth 798.20 844.10 -2.10 2.94
Dividend 33.40 35.70 -0.10 4.43
-do- Acc 129.80 138.80 -0.70 4.43
Equity Inc 277.80 293.60 -2.00 3.09
European Div 56.70 60.40 ... 4.56
-do- Acc 64.10 68.20 ... 4.56
European Gen 371.50 392.90 -0.80 1.65
-do- Acc 464.10 490.90 -0.90 1.65
Extra Yield 349.10 373.50† -1.70 4.54
-do- Acc 1020.7 1092.1 -4.90 4.54
Far Eastern 267.70 283.10† -1.20 1.14
-do- Acc 352.10 372.40 -1.60 1.14
Fund of Inv 479.10 506.60 ... 2.29
-do- Acc 864.60 914.20 ... 2.29
General 51.90 54.90 -0.10 3.65
-do- Acc 136.80 144.70 -0.30 3.65
Gilt Fxd Inc 62.00 62.00 -0.10 8.00
do Acc 153.10 153.90 -0.30 8.00
Gold 43.70 46.20 +1.00 1.32
-do- Acc 51.20 54.00 +1.10 1.32
High Inc 23.80 25.20 -0.10 4.71
-do- Acc 88.20 93.40 -0.40 4.71
Intl Growth 65.70 69.60 ... 0.97
-do- Acc 113.20 120.00 ... 0.97
Intl Inc 89.30 94.40 +0.10 4.87
Japan Gen Acc 46.70 49.30 -0.80 ...
Japan Smllr Cos 129.70 137.10 -1.30 ...
Midland 50.70 53.60 +0.30 3.95
-do- Acc 160.30 169.50 +0.90 3.95
Recovery 34.10 36.50 -0.20 3.15
-do- Acc 53.60 57.40 -0.30 3.15
Second Gen 58.70 62.10 -0.10 3.65
-do- Acc 143.60 151.90 -0.30 3.65
Smaller Cos 55.80 59.00 -0.30 3.45
-do- Acc 105.80 111.90 -0.50 3.45
Trustee 37.50 39.70 ... 4.04
Charibond 3 $1124.1 ... -0.10 9.59
Charifund 2 612.50 618.70 -2.40 5.15
Pension ex 1 840.00 861.10 -3.30 4.20
NAACIF Inc 3 965.75 ... -0.30 7.73
-do- Acc 3 $1078.2 ... -3.80 7.73

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG
0244 688066
Inv Port Inc 132.00 141.10† ... 2.10
-do- Acc 146.60 156.70† ... 2.10
UK Income 109.10 116.60† +0.17 2.81
-do- Acc 121.60 130.10† +0.17 2.81

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 228 5252
Emerg Mkts 73.39 78.49 +0.21 0.65
Far East (Pacific) 128.40 136.20 ... 0.70
Income Growth 68.61 73.89 -1.29 4.04
European 64.96 68.95 -0.06 1.35
Nth American 55.75 59.18 +0.49 1.12
UK Growth 74.93 79.54 -0.04 1.38
Intl Growth 88.47 93.91† +0.14 0.69
Charities 107.20 113.70 -0.30 4.07

Intl Income 65.80 69.85† -0.15 3.96
Japan 48.52 51.50† -0.36 0.08

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2060
American 183.70 195.10 ... ...
-do- Acc 196.30 208.60 ... ...
Cash 101.00 101.00 ... 5.50
-do- Acc 128.60 128.60 ... 5.50
European Gth 188.10 199.60 -0.20 0.80
-do- Acc 201.90 213.70 -0.10 0.80
General 444.90 474.00† -0.70 2.56
-do- Acc 846.30 902.80† -1.60 2.56
Global Dist 130.20 137.00† -0.20 5.33
-do- Acc 145.70 153.30† -0.20 5.33
Income 134.00 142.90† -0.30 4.77
-do- Acc 196.00 209.10† -0.30 4.77
International 364.50 388.00 -0.80 0.72
-do- Acc 483.50 514.70 -0.90 0.72
Japan 162.70 172.80 -0.90 ...
-do- Acc 167.10 177.40 -0.90 ...
New Europe 130.10 138.80 -0.30 1.87
-do- Acc 132.20 141.10 -0.30 1.87
Recovery 285.10 304.20 -1.10 2.95
-do- Acc 356.40 380.20 -1.30 2.95
European Inc 73.15 77.47 -0.39 3.15
-do- Acc 92.78 98.29 -0.49 3.15
Brit Blue Chip 70.10 74.70 -0.01 3.37
-do- Acc 82.67 88.10 -0.01 3.37
Portfolio 71.54 76.09† -0.05 2.98
-do- Acc 81.35 86.49† -0.12 2.98
Gold General 81.69 87.14 +1.13 1.08
-do- Acc 82.80 88.33 +1.14 1.08
Pacific 83.01 88.52 -0.28 0.94
-do- Acc 87.74 93.58 -0.30 0.94
UK Smaller Cos 49.45 52.73† -0.30 2.14
-do- Acc 55.18 58.86† -0.32 2.14

MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD
Dealing: 0742 529 200
Enquiries: 0742 529 076
Balanced Dist 55.93 59.62† +0.05 3.35
-do- Acc 56.77 60.72 +0.05 3.35
British Dist 75.36 80.60 +0.10 2.41
-do- Acc 85.31 91.24 +0.11 2.41
European Gth 163.90 175.00 +0.20 0.16
-do- Acc 205.20 219.70 +0.30 0.16
Extra High Inc 66.46 71.08† +0.02 6.74
-do- Acc 117.00 125.10 +0.10 6.74
FT-SE 100 Index 47.40 50.70 +0.11 2.96
-do- Acc 47.40 50.70 +0.11 2.96
Gilt Fixed Int 56.09 58.39† -0.04 7.05
-do- Acc 147.50 153.60 -0.10 7.05
High Yield 213.50 228.30 +0.10 5.13
-do- Acc 489.80 523.90 +0.20 5.13
Income 269.60 288.30 ... 3.86
-do- Acc 560.30 599.30 -0.10 3.86
Japan Gth 316.60 338.60 -5.50 ...
-do- Acc 334.10 357.30 -5.90 ...
Mandarin Acc 91.51 97.87 +1.05 1.66
North American 159.20 170.30 +0.90 0.52
-do- Acc 200.20 214.10 +1.20 0.52

MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT
Dealing: 071 826 0826
Enquiries: 071 826 0123
American Gth 250.40 266.50 +0.60 ...
Deposit Inc 100.20 100.20 +0.01 5.10
Deposit Acc 121.78 121.78 +0.01 5.10
Euro Gth Acc 253.60 270.50 +1.50 ...
Europa 115.40 123.90 +0.30 ...
Intl Gth 162.20 173.20 -0.80 ...
Japan Tracker 70.47 74.66 -1.66 ...
UK Equity Inc 140.40 151.10† -0.30 4.36
-do- Acc 172.00 185.10† -0.40 4.36
UK Ind Tracker 138.90 148.70 ... 3.26
US Eq Ind Trkr 186.20 197.40† +0.80 1.48
-do- Acc 196.90 208.80† +0.90 1.48
Asian Trader 140.00 152.00† -0.20 0.51

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933
American Inc 163.80 167.60 +1.20 2.41
European 59.61 60.96 +0.03 1.12
Olympiad 51.74 53.13 +0.21 0.52
Global Bond 47.61 48.14 +0.16 6.75
Smaller Cos 62.67 65.31 -0.20 1.24
Equity Income 90.08 92.65† +0.18 5.17
UK Growth 80.01 82.46† -0.36 1.88

NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
The Hilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222
Dealing: 0705 387730
American Acc 45.60 48.64 +0.06 0.83
Australian Acc 282.40 303 ... ...
Conscience 62.43 66.62 -0.30 1.61
-do- Acc 67.04 71.54 -0.31 1.61
European 165.60 176.60 +0.50 1.10
-do- Acc 178.10 189.90 +0.40 1.10
Extra Income 70.97 75.74 -0.08 5.86
-do- Acc 107.40 114.60 -0.10 5.86
Far East Gth 148.20 158.40 ... 0.06
Gilt Fxd Inc 57.96 61.35 ... 6.88
Gold 32.73 35.21 -0.05 ...
-do- Acc 35.27 37.92 -0.05 ...
Income 50.66 54.03 +0.03 5.20
-do- Acc 151.90 162 +0.10 5.20
International 28.01 30.05 -0.07 1.13
-do- Acc 40.24 43.17 -0.11 1.13
Jap Sm Cos Acc 283.80 302.70 -1.70 ...
S pore Mly Acc 156.20 167.50 -1.60 ...
Smllr Cos Acc 23.89 25.68 -0.12 1.87
Special Sits 30.94 33.25 -0.08 1.77
-do- Acc 35.64 38.32 -0.08 1.77
Tokyo 78.75 84.00 -1.65 ...
-do- Acc 79.54 84.84 -1.68 ...

N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF
061 237 5322
N&P UK Growth 66.15 70.38 +0.03 2.96
N&P Gilt Fxd Int 73.73 78.03† +0.92 7.44
N&P Higher Inc 183.60 194.90 -0.20 5.10
N&P UK Income 98.32 105.16 +0.10 4.13
N&P Intl 83.51 89.80 +0.03 1.97
N&P Smaller Cos 72.11 77.13† -0.23 1.69

NEWTON FUND MANAGERS
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA
071 407 4404
General 155.40 165.42† -0.14 2.54
Global 264.60 281.59† -0.58 1.39
Growth 102.02 108.54 +0.03 2.50
Income 194.18 206.58† -0.11 4.60
Intl Bond 124.84 132.48 -0.04 7.02

PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR
0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577
Growth 135.10 142.20 +0.10 2.54
-do- Acc 234.00 246.20 ... 2.54
Income 211.00 224.40† -0.20 3.60
Intl Equity 213.50 227.10 -0.90 0.98
-do- Acc 233.80 248.60 -1.00 0.98
Equity 211.80 225.30 ... 2.40
-do- Acc 429.40 456.80 +0.10 2.40
UK Intl 25 Acc 67.05 71.33 ... 1.95
UK Income 58.46 62.19 +0.04 3.08
UK Smllr Co Acc 68.62 73.00 -0.20 1.57
New Europe Acc 60.23 64.07 +0.16 1.39

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames
0491 417000
Asian Smllr Mkt 82.91 88.68 +2.20 0.38
PEP Gth Inc 94.59 101.17 -0.08 1.34
Intl Gth 450.48 481.80 -0.66 0.68
Income 280.11 299.59† -0.03 3.38
W wide Recov 279.04 298.44 +1.47 0.62
American Gth 192.65 206.26 -3.21 0.01
Intl Emerg Cos 169.84 181.66 +1.72 0.20
Far East Gth 195.63 209.24 +1.82 0.06

European Gth 108.68 116.24 +0.64 1.08
UK Growth 72.33 77.36 +0.42 3.02
High Income 78.73 84.21 -0.05 4.60
Japanese Gth 192.74 204.97 -2.01 0.01

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443
International 163.80 174.20† -0.40 0.90
High Income 105.80 112.60 -1.60 3.53
Conv Gilt 107.30 114.20† -0.40 8.46
Far East 276.30 293.80† -0.10 0.35

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 Seymour Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751
American 47.13 50.14 +0.27 0.59
Emerging Mkts 60.32 64.17 +0.03 0.23
General 46.60 49.57 +0.14 3.46
International 80.44 85.57† +0.14 1.33
Gilt Units 26.43 27.25 ... 8.06
Global PEP 34.23 36.41† +0.03 2.14
Income Gth 61.95 65.90 -0.07 5.34
European 42.02 44.70† +0.06 1.19
Gilt/Fixed Int 25.40 27.03† -0.07 6.16

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL
081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490
Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314
Pricebank: 0426 925001
Pru Mngd Tst** 29.83 31.90† -0.05 1.61
Pru Csh Bvn Inc 101.45 101.45† +0.01 5.29
-do- Acc 104.52 104.52† +0.01 5.29
Pru Equity 645.95 690.85 +1.64 2.45
Pru Equity Inc 78.90 84.40† +0.17 4.55
Pru European 168.69 180.41 -0.94 1.87
Pru Global Gth 76.81 82.14 +0.01 1.56
Pru High Inc 84.84 90.73† +0.39 5.66
Pru Intl 153.86 164.55 -0.32 1.31
Pru Intl Sm Cos 64.71 69.20† -0.41 0.93
Pru Japanese 184.69 197.52† -3.21 ...
Pru Nth Amer 138.87 148.52 +0.59 0.47
Pru Pacific Mkt 69.08 73.88 -0.23 1.91
Pru Premr Inc 49.79 51.84 -0.03 7.38
Pru Smllr Cos 80.63 86.23 -0.03 2.01
Pru Spec Sits 95.94 102.60 +0.22 2.26
Pru UK Grwth 107.06 114.50† +0.11 2.36
** Formerly Holborn Trust

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR
Dealing: 071 634 2981/4
NC Income 152.50 162.24 +0.51 3.42
NC Japan 251.33 269.34 -3.90 ...
NC Mid UK Cos 91.73 98.66 +0.11 2.12
NC America Inc 459.49 493.61 +0.77 0.88
-do- Acc 533.70 573.33 +0.89 0.88
NC Smlr UK Cos 249.21 271.99† -0.45 1.28
NC European 248.74 265.34 ... 1.32

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IPAs only)
Amer Inc Gth 71.70 76.27 +0.37 3.79
Capital Units 137.90 146.70 -0.40 1.43
Commodity 97.67 103.90† +1.10 1.26
European Gth 146.00 155.30 +0.60 1.41
Financial Sec 164.30 174.70 -0.90 1.90
High Return 205.30 218.40 -1.00 4.66
High Yield 197.70 210.30† -1.40 3.84
Income Units 104.30 111.40 ... 4.94
Investment 164.20 174.60† -0.20 1.14
Japan Gth 137.20 145.90 -1.50 ...
Japan Smaller 164.90 175.40 +0.20 ...
Masterfund 43.79 46.58 -0.03 0.97
Scotbits 239.50 254.70 -1.30 1.65
Scotshares 249.60 265.50 -0.30 2.83
Scotyields 216.30 230.10† -1.10 4.05
Select Intl 124.30 132.10† +0.10 0.75
Smaller Cos 212.30 225.60† +0.40 4.26
Special Situation 105.70 112.40 -1.20 0.75
UK Equity 216.50 230.30 -0.90 2.91
US Growth 135.50 144.10† +0.90 0.34

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540
American 230.71 246.09 +2.27 0.56
-do- Acc 249.25 265.86 +2.46 0.56
Australian 128.92 137.51 -0.13 0.87
-do- Acc 151.56 161.66 -0.15 0.87
UK Enterprise 199.40 212.69† -1.11 2.67
-do- Acc 230.35 245.70 -1.28 2.67
European Gth 59.50 63.48† +0.27 1.20
-do- Acc 61.59 65.69 +0.28 1.20
Euro Smllr Cos 55.37 59.05† ... 0.34
-do- Acc 55.75 59.46 ... 0.34
Far Eastern Gth 64.60 68.90 -0.08 ...
-do- Acc 65.64 70.01 -0.08 ...
Fixed Interest 51.67 54.48† -0.12 8.70
-do- Acc 60.49 64.94 -0.15 8.70
Gilt Income 102.45 107.94† -0.06 8.45
-do- Acc 143.18 150.85† -0.08 8.45
Income 292.83 312.35† +0.25 4.16
-do- Acc 863.90 921.49 +0.71 4.16
Japan Enterprise 80.75 84.80† -1.28 ...
-do- Acc 60.75 64.80 -1.26 ...
Japan Smllr Cos 383.47 409.03† -2.30 ...
-do- Acc 384.24 409.85 -2.30 ...
Pacific Gth 83.25 88.79 +0.13 0.48
-do- Acc 85.72 91.42 +0.13 0.48
Smaller Cos 181.50 193.59† -1.00 1.05
-do- Acc 208.00 221.86 -1.15 1.05
Tokyo 96.87 103.32† -1.54 ...
-do- Acc 97.85 104.36 -1.56 ...
UK Equity 199.07 212.34† -0.12 2.78
-do- Acc 368.86 393.24 -0.22 2.78
US Smllr Cos 128.12 136.66 +1.27 ...
-do- Acc 128.12 136.66 +1.27 ...
World Fd 67.89 72.41 +0.13 1.69
-do- Acc 71.58 76.34 +0.14 1.69

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ
041 204 2200
Equity Income 42.34 45.09 -0.87 4.43
Equity Strategy 62.26 66.31 -0.63 1.80
European Opps 70.27 74.84 +0.12 3.22
Maximum Inc 98.20 102.84 +0.01 5.64
UK Smaller Cos 48.01 51.13 -0.13 3.22

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211
UK Equity 334.80 357.70 +0.40 2.61
American 239.30 254.10 +0.60 0.89
Pacific 305.70 327.00 -2.90 0.75
European 447.20 478.30 +1.50 1.20
Worldwide 75.31 80.55 -0.38 1.30

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN
041 248 6100
UK Equity 296.60 315.60 -0.20 2.88
UK Sm Cos Eqty 189.20 201.30 -0.40 2.41
European 321.10 341.60† +1.70 1.98
North American 242.00 257.50† +1.60 0.58
Income Plus Inc 63.43 67.48† +0.18 4.00
UK Spec Sits 64.54 68.66† +0.24 2.50

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA
031 558 2341/2/3
Equity Gth Acc 24.65 26.38† +0.03 2.94
Intl Growth Acc 27.50 29.43† -0.14 1.38
Global Inc Acc 30.58 32.73 +0.06 3.84
Market Ldrs Acc 25.49 27.28 -0.11 2.98

SG TOUCHE REMNANT
Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250
American Gth 79.39 84.90 +0.26 ...
Euro Spec Sits 43.97 46.78† +0.03 ...
-do- Acc 46.56 49.53 +0.03 ...
Far East Opps 29.12 31.35 +0.05 ...
-do- Acc 29.93 32.21 +0.05 ...
General Growth 96.78 103.70 +0.10 2.03
Global Tech 109.10 118.00 -1.20 ...
Income Growth 97.61 104.90 -0.10 3.56
Income Monthly 55.55 59.41 -0.16 4.33
Japan Growth 74.12 78.81 -1.50 ...
Overseas Gth 73.13 77.92 -0.15 ...
Smaller Cos 69.36 74.58† -0.20 1.67
Special Opps 96.75 104.00 -0.30 2.21
Wld Spec Sits 44.94 48.42 +0.02 ...
-do- Acc 45.04 48.53 +0.02 ...

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ
0800 393777
Managed 42.69 45.36 -0.10 1.79
Equity Gth Acc 56.91 60.47 -0.60 1.60
UK Eq General 40.94 43.50† -0.50 2.39
-do- Acc 54.12 57.51 -0.60 2.39
European Acc 40.03 42.54 ... 1.16
Far East Acc 52.20 55.47 +1.20 0.15
Gilt Fxd Int Inc 30.01 31.74† -0.10 6.64
N American Acc 42.05 44.68 +0.20 0.78
O/s Lgr Cos Acc 265.60 288.20 +3.40 1.50
UK Eq High Inc 33.68 35.70† -0.60 3.99
-do- Acc 40.00 42.50 -0.70 3.99
UK Lgr Cos Inc 281.40 305.40† -2.80 3.84
UK Lgr Cos Acc 366.40 397.60 -3.70 3.84

STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977
Global A NZ253.47 NZ253.68 ... 1.14
US Eq $2.074 $2.203 ... 0.79
Far East Eq Y219.8 Y233.4 ... ...
Japan Eq Y221.1 Y233.7 ... ...
FT Europe 112.00 118.90 ... 2.13
FT North Am $1.732 $1.837 ... 1.06
FT Japan Y215.0 Y228.1 ... ...
FT Asia Ex Jap 115.10 122.20 ... 1.78

STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh
031 226 3271
American 333.40 354.30 +2.20 0.30
British 913.60 966.60 -3.30 4.38
European 378.30 402.70 -0.30 1.49
Japan 131.40 139.90 -1.20 ...
New Pacific 280.80 299.10 +0.90 1.31
Mngd Cash 95.43 95.43 ... 5.34
Majority Stg 99.58 103.57 +1.01 5.34
Inv Tst 177.50 188.20 +0.40 1.90
Saints PPP 366.90 386.20 ... ...

SUN ALLIANCE
Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex
0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 690389
Equity Acc 710.40 759.80 +1.40 2.43
N America Acc 108.20 115.70 +0.20 0.16
Far East Acc 113.70 121.60 -0.30 ...
W wide Bond 59.85 63.53† +0.04 5.38
European 80.78 86.40 +0.38 0.33
Equity Income 79.73 85.27 -0.03 3.68

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ
Dealing: 0256 841414
American Gth 32.99 35.29 +0.22 0.64
Managed Assets 115.14 123.15 -0.10 3.35
UK Income 35.63 38.11 +0.03 3.04
UK Growth 35.06 37.50 -0.03 2.34
Worldwide Gth 29.78 31.86 +0.03 0.47

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE
0264 346794
American 196.38 208.92 +0.11 1.00
-do- Acc 213.69 229.46 +0.12 1.00
British Gth 81.99 87.22† +0.06 1.81
-do- Acc 96.47 102.63† +0.07 1.81
European 90.81 96.61 +0.60 0.82
-do- Acc 95.79 101.90 +0.62 0.82
Extra Inc 180.56 192.08† +1.66 3.81
-do- Acc 288.03 306.42 +2.65 3.81
General Unit 253.05 269.20 +0.30 2.42
-do- Acc 499.32 531.19 +0.58 2.42
Income 309.81 329.61 -0.58 3.38
-do- Acc 631.08 671.36 -1.19 3.39
International 465.42 495.13 -1.38 0.49
-do- Acc 608.38 647.21 +1.80 0.49
Pacific 308.59 328.29 -1.20 ...
-do- Acc 323.19 343.82 -1.25 ...
Premier Income 50.87 52.99 -0.09 6.51
-do- Acc 101.49 108.84 -0.18 6.51
Nat Resources 96.90 103.08† +2.54 0.62
-do- Acc 106.27 113.05† +2.78 0.62
Selected Opps 91.24 97.06† -1.02 1.10
-do- Acc 114.22 121.52† -1.25 1.10

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF
071 493 7262
Dealing: 071 493 8545
Amer Smll Cos 64.84 69.16 -0.45 ...
-do- Acc 66.87 71.32 -0.46 ...
Cash 50.26 50.26 ... 6.25
-do- Acc 61.38 61.38 +0.01 6.25
European Opps 60.30 64.32 +0.03 0.46
-do- Acc 60.93 64.99 +0.02 0.46
Far East Opps 136.60 145.70† -0.49 ...
-do- Acc 139.79 149.10† -0.51 ...
Gold/Nat. Res 40.70 43.41 +1.03 ...
-do- Acc 41.86 44.65 +1.06 ...
Japan 72.24 77.05 -1.19 ...
-do- Acc 72.24 77.05 -1.19 ...
Little Dragons 60.72 64.76 -0.01 0.77
-do- Acc 62.28 66.43 -0.01 0.77
Oriental Income 39.72 42.36† -0.18 3.76
-do- Acc 50.72 54.10† -0.23 3.76
Tiger 198.85 208.90 +0.06 1.26
-do- Acc 204.85 218.50 +0.06 1.26
UK Small Cos 65.09 69.61 -0.05 2.28
-do- Acc 75.98 81.22 -0.05 2.28

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ
031 225 1551
Australasian Gold 13.18 14.02 +0.09 0.80
Pacific Basin 29.36 31.22 -0.15 0.80
Canadian Gth 36.83 39.18 -0.15 0.10
Global Bond $0.961 $1.001 -0.002 7.32
Penny Share 21.47 22.84 +0.03 1.30

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT
071 606 3132
City Reserve 52.46 52.46 +0.01 5.83
Gilt Growth 66.23 68.92 -0.16 ...
Gilt Income 52.16 54.28† -0.07 7.50
Short Dtd Gilt 102.00 108.40† -0.10 3.90
US Govmnt Bd $0.713 $0.722 +0.000 ...
Challenger 91.40 93.52 +0.20 ...

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG
081 298 4000
Stockmarket Fd 65.86 70.06 -0.18 1.94

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	2,200	Coats Vyla	2,000	Legal & Gn	1,400	Scot & New	837
Alld-Lyons	965	Cm Union	1,000	Lloyds Bk	2,000	Scot Power	3,400
Anglian W	312	Courtaulds	471	MB Cardn	2,500	Sears	5,400
Argyll Gp	2,500	De La Rue	198	Marks Spr	2,400	Svrn Trent	1,100
Arjo Wig	910	Eng China	445	NFC	1,900	Shell Trans	4,800
AB Foods	597	Enterpr Oil	1,700	NatWst Bk	2,300	Siebe	1,600
BAA	1,300	Fisons	18,000	Nat Power	4,300	SmKl Bch	3,500
BAT Inds	5,800	Forte	1,300	Nth Wst W	533	Smith Nph	1,200
BOC	1,600	GRE	1,000	Nthrn Fds	2,800	Smith (WH)	298
BP	8,300	GUS A	214	P & O	331	Sthern Elec	695
BT	4,800	Gen Acc	832	Pearson	762	Std Chartd	327
BTR	4,800	Gen Elec	5,000	PowerGen	4,700	Sun Allnce	600
Bk of Scot	2,300	Glaxo	3,400	Prudential	4,300	TI Gp	1,100
Barclays	4,700	Granada	2,700	RTZ	3,500	TSB	663
Bass	1,400	Grand Met	4,500	Rank Org	1,100	Tate & Lyle	1,100
Blue Circle	3,600	Guinness	3,800	Reckitt Col	1,700	Tesco	9,300
Boots	1,000	HSBC	1,000	Redland	1,300	Thames W	691
Bowater	413	Hanson	5,100	Reed Intl	692	Thrn EMI	248
Brit Airwys	2,800	ICI	2,600	Rentokil	1,000	Tomkins	3,200
Brit Gas	6,400	Inchcape	549	Reuters	457	Unilever	3,200
Brit Steel	6,300	Kingfisher	974	Rothmans	727	Utd Bisc	1,000
Burmah C	624	Kwik Save	629	Ryl Ins	1,600	Vodafone	1,600
Cable Wire	1,500	LASMO	3,200	Ryl Bk Scot	3,100	Wellcome	3,100
Cadbury	467	Ladbroke	3,300	Sainsbury	986	Whitbd 'A'	1,500
Carlton C	489	Land Secs	524	Scot Hydro	4,400	Wlims Hld	1,200

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3381.08 (+1.89)
S&P Composite 441.45 (-0.84)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 19486.80 (-272.66)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 6340.83 (-63.61)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 107.9 (+1.2)

Sydney: AO 1658.3 (-12.2)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1665.40 (+6.71)

FT 30 share: 2189.9 (-6.9)

Brussels:
General 6311.08 (+27.81)

Paris: CAC 535.61 (-0.80)

Zurich: SKA Gen 491.2 (+1.5)

London:
FT A All-Share 1389.20 (-2.98)
FT 500 1520.43 (-3.25)
FT Gold Mines 134.5 (+2.4)
FT Fixed Interest 112.78 (-0.05)
FT Govt Secs 96.92 (+0.08)
Bargains 35589
SEAQ Volume 538.4m
USM (Datastrm) 130.91 (-0.32)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 5	April 16	July 15	July 26

Call options were taken out on 6/4/93: Denistron Intl, Ferranti Intl, Kewill Systems, Maddox, Premier Cons Oil, Taylor Woodrow.
Put: Bristol Channel.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2854.0	2868.0	2836.0	2842.0	8795
Previous open interest: 42932	Sep 93				2860.5	0
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	94.17	94.22	94.17	94.20	9982
Previous open interest: 287684	Sep 93	94.32	94.36	94.32	94.34	4708
	Dec 93	94.28	94.30	94.27	94.28	2408
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 93	96.69	96.69	96.68	96.69	576
Previous open interest: 17847	Sep 93	96.51	96.52	96.50	96.51	245
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.79	92.86	92.79	92.86	27886
Previous open interest: 497434	Sep 93	93.68	93.79	93.68	93.75	16631
US Treasury Bond	Jun 93				108-25	0
Previous open interest: 1	Sep 93				107-17	0
Long Gilt	Jun 93	105-30	106-14	105-30	106-10	23392
Previous open interest: 57298	Sep 93				105-13	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	108.10	108.10	107.68	107.81	2191
	Sep 93				107.32	0
German Govmt Bond	Jun 93	95.34	95.87	95.34	95.84	84886
Previous open interest: 152484	Sep 93	95.56	96.06	95.56	96.10	64
Three month ECU	Jun 93	91.83	91.93	91.83	91.90	979
Previous open interest: 17457	Sep 93	92.73	92.81	92.73	92.79	237
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	95.34	95.46	95.34	95.45	7053
Previous open interest: 34133	Sep 93	95.79	95.86	95.79	95.85	589
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 93	93.08	93.99	93.08	93.97	16262
Previous open interest: 54105	Sep 93	92.90	92.90	92.90	93.87	9

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 79.7 (day's range 79.5-79.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for April 6	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7229-2.7425	2.7391-2.7425	⅜-⅛ds	1-1¼ds
Brussels	49.90-50.33	50.23-50.33	8-12ds	27-32ds
Copenhagen	9.3420-9.3810	9.3580-9.3810	2⅞-5⅛ds	11-14¼ds
Dublin	0.9990-1.0016	0.9993-1.0014	25-30ds	70-80ds
Frankfurt	2.4308-2.4413	2.4381-2.4413	⅜-⅝ds	1⅛-1⅜ds
Lisbon	224.74-226.58	226.11-226.58	215-285ds	487-715ds
Madrid	173.91-174.99	174.55-174.99	104-121ds	320-345ds
Milan	2404.70-2418.90	2410.90-2418.60	11-13ds	34-37ds
Montreal	1.9057-1.9110	1.9057-1.9078	0.17-0.08pr	0.28-0.12pr
New York	1.5115-1.5170	1.5125-1.5135	0.38-0.37pr	1.07-1.00pr
Oslo	10.3420-10.4100	10.3870-10.4100	⅞-3⅜ds	5⅜-8⅛ds
Paris	8.2260-8.2680	8.2540-8.2680	3-3½ds	7⅞-8¼ds
Stockholm	11.5290-11.5930	11.5550-11.5790	2¾-5½ds	9½-12¾ds
Tokyo	172.87-173.63	172.87-173.07	½-⅜pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.03-17.20	17.15-17.20	2⅜-3⅞ds	6⅛-7⅞ds
Zurich	2.2455-2.2559	2.2528-2.2559	¼pr-par	½-¼pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5090-1.5116
Australia dollar	2.1472-2.1502
Bahrain dinar	0.5645-0.5765
Brazil cruzeiro *	39981.6-40034.7
Cyprus pound	0.72-0.73
Finland marka	8.762-8.878
Greece drachma	327.75-334.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.6932-11.6985
India rupee	46.95-47.91
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4515-0.4615
Malaysia ringgit	3.9023-3.9063
Mexico peso	4.6-4.7
New Zealand dollar	2.8381-2.8428
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.612-5.738
Singapore dollar	2.4593-2.4625
S Africa rand (fin)	6.8123-6.8925
S Africa rand (com)	4.8124-4.8187
U A E dirham	5.4955-5.6195

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4196-1.4206
Austria	11.32-11.33
Belgium (Com)	33.14-33.15
Canada	1.2605-1.2610
Denmark	6.1844-6.1874
France	5.4505-5.4535
Germany	1.6099-1.6104
Hong Kong	7.730-7.731
Ireland	1.5123-1.5133
Italy	1597.5-1599.0
Japan	114.28-114.33
Malaysia	2.580-2.581
Netherlands	1.8095-1.8105
Norway	6.8602-6.8632
Portugal	149.05-149.15
Singapore	1.6260-1.6270
Spain	115.20-115.30
Sweden	7.6351-7.6451
Switzerland	1.487-1.488

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5[illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth 5[illegible]. Sell: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth: 5[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 6, close 6.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs	3.08-3.05	n/a	3.12-3.10	3.21-3.18	3.46-3.43
Building Society CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Mar 31, 1993 Agreed rates Apr 26, 1993 to May 25, 1993 Scheme I: 7.36 %. Schemes II & III: 7.25 %. Reference rate Feb 27, 1993 to Mar 31, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 6.028 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	[illegible]	[illegible]	3⅛-3	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark	[illegible]	[illegible]	8-7⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9⅛-9	[illegible]
Swiss Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $337.80-338.20 Close: $337.70-338.20 High: $338.65-339.15
Low: $337.15-337.65 Krugerrand: $337.00-339.00 (£222.00-224.00)
Sovereigns: Old $80.00-83.00 (£50.75-52.75) New $80.00-83.00 (£50.75-52.75)
Platinum: $362.25 (£239.75) Silver: $3.88 (£2.555) Palladium: $114.50 (£75.80)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon	550	26	42	55	2½	25	32
(*567)	600	2	18	32	30	54	61
ASDA	67	2	8	10	3	7	9½
(*66)	76	1	5	7	11	14	16
Bass	550	10	33	46	8½	31	38
(*550)	600	1	14	26	50	64	69
Boots	460	18	39	50	3½	17	22
(*472)	500	2	19	30	28	38	41
Br Airways	260	16	29	37	1½	11	16
(*269)	280	3	18	27	11	22	26
BP	280	28	36	41	1	8	12½
(*306)	300	10	23	30	3	15	20
	330	1	10	16	25	33	38
Br Steel	80	2½	8	10½	2	8½	10
(*80)	90	1	4½	7½	10½	14½	16
C & W	700	25	52	63	4½	29	37
(*715½)	750	3	27	40	33	57	63
CU	580	30	52	60	2	15	27
(*612)	629	3½	26	35	25	38	51
Courtauld	550	20	40	55	4	25	35
(*564)	600	1½	16	31	38	59	64
GKN	460	7	29	36	9	25	35
(*455½)	500	2	13	20	46	51	61
Grnd Met	420	16	35	43	3½	18	24
(*425)	460	1	15	24	30	41	45
ICI	1150	25	75	90	11	45	70
(*1152½)	1200	5	50	65	42	72	97
	1250	1½	32	48	92	102	132
Kingfishr	584	9	30	42	11	35	42
(*580)	632	1	15	25	52	67	74
Ladbroke	160	13	24	31	2	11	15
(*169)	180	2	14	21	13	20	27
Land Sec	500	36	41	47	1	13	18
(*532½)	550	2	12	20	21	45	46
M & S	330	12	23	30	2	12	18
(*337)	360	½	9	17	21	32	35
Sainsbury	460	18	41	52	4	22	26
(*471½)	500	4	21	33	28	42	50
Shell	550	37	50	59	1½	8	15½
(*585)	600	3	21	29	20	29	39
Smkl Bch	390	30	49	59	1½	15	22
(*416)	420	8½	32	43	11	28	35
Storehse	200	5½	18	24	5	17	22
(*198½)	220	1½	10	16	22	30	34
Trafalgar	74	5	9½	14	2	6	7½
(*78)	83	1½	6½	9	8	12	14
Unilever	1150	15	53	85	13	36	54
(*1145)	1200	2	32	55	55	73	82
Utd Bisc	390	6½	27	36	6	20	28
(*388½)	420	1	14	23	34	41	47

April 6, 1993 Tot: 9833 Call: 4434 Put: 5399 FT-SE Call: 1566 Put: 297
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAA	750	53	66	82	6½	22	30
(*787½)	800	22	37	52	26	44	52
BAT Ind	850	63	87	98	13	28	44
(*877½)	900	33	57	72	31	49	68
BTR	600	24	39	47	12	20	30
(*609½)	650	5	17	25	44	49	58
Br Aero	260	30	42	55	13	24	32
(*270)	280	18	32	42	21	34	42
Br Telcm	420	21	32	37	7½	18½	23
(*428)	460	5	14	20	31	42	46
Cadbury	460	35	51	58	5½	12	18
(*484)	500	13	28	38	21	28	36
Guinness	460	24	37	50	13	21	29
(*477)	500	6½	20	31	38	44	52
GEC	300	24	29	33	4	10	14
(*317½)	330	6	11½	16½	17	26	29
Hanson	220	17	21	24½	3	7	10½
(*230½)	240	5½	10½	14½	12	17	21
LASMO	160	10	20	24	11	16	22
(*158)	180	4	11	17	24	29	34
Lucas	120	13	18	22	6	9	15
(*128½)	130	7½	14	17	11	15	21
P & O	550	30	60	70	13	30	42
(*558½)	600	11	28	45	45	54	70
Pilkingtn	110	12	16	20	4	8	11
(*116)	120	7	10	14	8	14	16
Prudential	330	15	24	31	10	16	23
(*328)	360	4½	12	18	30	35	40
RTZ	650	42	65	77	10	24	34
(*665)	700	15	36	52	35	47	58
Scot New	460	19	29	38	13	29	35
(*461½)	500	4	13	22	40	56	62
Tesco	220	17	25	32	6	11	16
(*231)	240	7	14	22	17	23	26
Thames W	550	22	28	37	11	27	32
(*558½)	600	4	9½	17½	45	62	65
Vodafone	360	35	44	54	6	14	20
(*385)	390	16	27	37	17	27	33

FT-SE INDEX (*2830)

	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls						
Apr	104	60	27	6	3½	2
May	127	91	62	38	21	11
Jun	145	111	83	58	39	28
Jul	167	133	105	78	61	44
Dec	-	214	-	158	-	113
Puts						
Apr	4½	11	29	67	114	164
May	25	40	61	89	126	168
Jun	36	54	75	102	133	172
Jul	54	71	92	112	148	185
Dec	-	125	-	169	-	221

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	360	25	34	40	10	18	24
(*369½)	390	11	19	26	26	35	39
Amstrad	30	5	7	8	2	3½	4½
(*32½)	35	3	4½	6	5	6	6½
Barclays	390	29	39	48	15	25	31
(*399½)	420	14	25	34	31	42	46
Blue Circ	220	12	21	25	17	24	31
(*220)	240	6	13	18	32	37	44
Br Gas	280	30	33	36	4	8½	12
(*307)	300	15	20	25	13	16	23
	330	3½	8½	13	35	37	42
Dixons	200	20	26	31	11	19	23
(*207½)	220	10	16	22	23	31	34
Eurotnl	460	37	55	72	38	49	59
(*462½)	500	20	39	54	59	73	81
Forte	160	23	26	29	6	10	14
(*177)	180	10	15	18	16	20	25
Glaxo	550	58	77	87	19	30	44
(*575½)	600	31	52	62	43	55	71
	650	15	34	44	79	89	105
HSBC	600	45	65	80	25	40	50
(*612½)	650	23	42	56	53	67	77
Hillsdwn	140	15	19	23	7	12	16
(*151½)	160	5	10	15	21	25	28
Lonrho	80	10½	13½	16½	6	9½	10½
(*84)	90	5	9	12½	11½	14½	17
Reuter	1300	99	137	175	32	59	75
(*1348½)	1350	67	110	147	54	80	102
R-Royce	120	12	17	20	7½	12	15
(*122½)	130	7	12	15	13	18	21
Sears	100	7	10	13	7½	9½	12
(*101)	110	2½	5½	8½	15	17	18
Thm Emi	850	50	62	77	21	43	50
(*863½)	900	24	37	50	48	72	80
TSB	160	20	24	27	5	9½	13
(*172)	180	9	13	17	14	20	23
Vaal Reefs	50	6	8½	10	5½	6½	8
(*51)	60	3	4½	7	11	12	15
Wellcome	700	72	98	118	30	49	62
(*720½)	750	43	76	92	57	75	85

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Fisons	180	3	14	22	16	28	32
(*168½)	200	1½	9	14	34	44	46

Series		Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Eastn Elc	460	40	49	55	4	17	22
(*489½)	500	14	25	32	20	37	42

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Natl Pwr	330	30	39	49	7	13	16
(*347½)	360	13	23	32	21	26	30
Scot Pwr	330	17	23	28	10	18	22
(*333)	350	8	14	19	22	31	34

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Raw sugar came under pressure following indications that Brazilian crystaline sugar would be deliverable into the lead New York market, providing up to 150,000 tonnes of extra supply against the July contract. Coffee staged a strong recovery during late trade. Technical players attempted to push the market lower, but did not attract any additional short selling.

LONDON FOX
COCOA

May	688-685	Jul	778-777
Jun	700-698	Sep	788 BID
Sep	713-710	Dec	810 BID
Dec	732-729	Mar	840-820
Mar	752-751		
May	765 SLR		Volume: 2484

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	870-868	Jan	866-860
Jul	836-833	Mar	872-865
Sep	843-842	May	882 SLR
Nov	854-852		Volume: 2158

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	222.0-10.0
Spot: 256.8		Mar	unq
May	269.0-67.0	May	228.0-24.0
Aug	279.0-77.0	Aug	unq
Oct	277.0-66.0		Volume: 11

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	290.5-88.5
Spot: 294.0		Mar	290.0-89.0
May	298.0-97.0	May	291.5-90.5
Aug	303.5-02.5	Aug	296.0-94.0
Oct	290.5-89.5		Volume: 2774

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 6

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	90.54	130.85	135.18
(+/-)	+1.23	-0.99	+3.30
Eng/Wales:	89.07	132.07	134.04
(+/-)	-0.91	-0.84	-3.47
(%)	-0.6	-27.8	-25.7
Scotland:	96.26	117.04	137.87
(+/-)	+3.34	-18.35	+2.83
(%)	-19.1	-62.6	-24.1

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (Pkg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
May	unq	unq	Oct	unq	unq
Jun	unq	unq		Volume: unq	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (close £/t)

May	143.80
Jun	144.30
Sep	108.40
Nov	110.55
Jan	113.45
	Volume: 143

BARLEY (close £/t)

May	139.80
Sep	106.50
Nov	109.70
Mar	112.25
May	113.65
	Volume: 12

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Apr	143.70
Jun	138.50
Aug	139.50
Oct	143.50
Dec	unq
	Volume: 150

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	unq	unq
May	40.0	41.8
Apr	unq	92.3
		Volume: 74

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
May 60.75-61.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Threats from Kuwait that they would increase output caused prices to ease.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.65	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Apr)	18.75	-0.20
Brent 15 day (May)	18.90	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (May)	20.40	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.60	-0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	206 (n/c)	208 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	180 (-2)	181 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Apr	178 (-2)	179 (-3)
Non EEC 1H May	177 (-2)	178 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	76 (-1)	78 (n/c)
Naphtha	175 (-1)	176 (-2)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Apr	177.00-77.25	Jul	174.00-74.25
May	174.25-74.50	Aug	175.75-76.00
Jun	173.00-73.50	Sep	177.50-78.00
			Vol: 22592

BRENT (6.00pm)

May	18.88-18.89	Aug	18.91 BID
Jun	18.99 BID	Sep	19.00 BID
Jul	18.94-18.97		Vol: 24389

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Apr	201.00-03.50	Jul	202.00-12.50
May	202.50-04.50	Aug	213.50 SLR
Jun	203.00-07.50		Vol: 517

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 93	unq	unq	1419
May 93	unq	unq	1399
Jun 93	unq	unq	1308
Jul 93	unq	unq	1235

Vol: 0 lots. Open int'st: 3051 Index 1477 -8

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1368.0-1369.0	1395.0-1396.0	266450
Lead (£/tonne)	273.00-273.50	282.50-282.75	88950
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	990.00-990.50	1009.0-1009.5	223825
Tin ($/tonne)	5590.0-5595.0	5655.0-5657.0	11295
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1104.5-1105.5	1127.5-1128.0	1037350
Nickel ($/tonne)	5992.0-5997.0	6065.0-6070.0	34248

Portfolio Plus

From your Portfolio Plus card check your eight share price movements on this page only. Add them up to give you your overall total and check this against the daily dividend figure. If it matches you have won outright or a share of the daily prize money stated. If you win, follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. Always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	St Helena	Mining	
2	Ulster TV	Leisure	
3	Allied Irish	Banks,Disc	
4	Bletchley Mtr	Motors,Air	
5	Land Sec	Property	
6	Meritvale Mre	Property	
7	Smith WH 'A'	Drapery,Stns	
8	Devenish (JA)	Breweries	
9	Harries	Mining	
10	PowerGen	Electricity	
11	Blenheim Gp	Newspapr,Pub	
12	Wilkes (James)	Industrial	
13	East Midlands	Electricity	
14	Central TV	Leisure	
15	Mercier-Sw	Electrical	
16	Br Land	Property	
17	Coats Viyella	Drapery,Stns	
18	Redland	Building,Rds	
19	Treasury	Foods	
20	Northumbrian	Water	
21	Automagic	Shoes,Lth	
22	Legal & Gen	Insurance	
23	GRE	Insurance	
24	Inchcape	Business Serv	
25	Automagic	Shoes,Lth	
26	Midlands Elec	Electricity	
27	Br Petroleum	Oils, Gas	
28	North West	Water	
29	FS Cons	*Mining*	
30	Loraine	Mining	
31	CRA	Mining	
32	Whitbread 'A'	Breweries	
33	Willis Corroon	Insurance	
34	News Corp	Newspapr,Pub	
35	Mansfield	Breweries	
36	South West	Water	
37	Thames Water	Water	
38	Total		

© Times Newspapers Ltd.

Please take into account any minus signs

£1,000 MATCH THE SHARRS

If you have ticked off your eighth share in our Match The Shares game today, claim your prize by telephoning 0254 53272 between 10.00am and 3.30pm (see the Sunday Times for full details)

Two winners equally shared yesterday's Portolio Plus prize of £2,000. They are Mr A Parry of Cheltenham and Ms E Lenton of Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	227	Allied Colloids	230		3.9	2.1	18.3
750	613	Amersham	710	-5	12.5	2.2	26.3
7	4¼	Anglo Utd	6¾		0.8		
£1304½	£825	BASF DM	9885½	+100			7.0
269	231	BTP	254	-1	8.8	4.4	18.6
£119	£104½	Bayer DM50	£113½	-37½			5.0
156	134	Bingdon	148		9.5	8.0	=
165	141	Brent Chems	141	-1	7.4	6.6	=
520	428	Br Bio-Tech	468				=
20	16	Cabot Gp	20½		1.5	6.3	=
153	127	Canning (W)	135		7.2	7.0	=
608	530½	Courtaulds	584		13.0	2.9	15.3
270½	228	Croda	263	+1	7.256	3.8	=
146	121	Dowlais	128		4.6	4.5	=
198	176	Ellis & Everard	176	-2	7.0	5.0	16.0
28	15½	Enro Colour	20½	-½	0.6	3.1	=
291	259	Halstead (J)	285			2.6	14.3
225	194	Hickson	217		8.0	4.7	=
£116½	£62½	Hoechst	£103	+50		7.6	=
1284	1048	ICI	1153	-3	80.0	6.9	20.6
668	581	Laporte	638	+2	19.5	3.9	=
225	197	Leigh	198	-3	7.8	4.9	16.2
19½	12	MTM	14			1.8	2.8
1712½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1600				18
420	370	Petrocon Tech	419	+1	11.4	3.8	16.1
375	300	-do- 'A'	323		11.4	3.8	16.1
286	254	Plysu	268		6.0	2.8	18.1
216	172	Portals	208	-2	3.6	2.2	22.0
15	7½	Scottish Spark	15				=
475	425	Waddle Storeys	450	-10	17.0	4.7	=
490	395	Watchtime P	465				=
391	368	Yorks Chem	381			2.5	20.4
306	240	Yule Catto	288		5.4	2.3	17.8

BUSINESS SERVICES

675	663	ADT	580	-3			=
228	198	Adams & Harvey	218		11.0	5.3	3.4
88	56	Air London	81	-2		5.4	10.0
50	37	Allman Lakes	47			2.0	5.6
175	125	Alpha Sec	150			5.3	=
108	84	BET Ord	86	-1		9.4	12.6
75	41	BNB Rs	71			4.9	8.6
318	258	BPP	284	+1	8.0	3.5	=
283	253	Babcock Inter	255	-5	7.2	3.6	18.9
20	15	Bagnall	17		0.7	5.3	=
226	194	Brit Data Mgt	214	-2		2.3	17.8
74	31	Brondcastle	36				=
65	55	Brooks Service	55	-1	4.0		17.5
110	86	CMT Gp	93		6.0	6.1	15.5
486	410	Caplin Group	483		6.3	1.6	=
40	31	Calder Pic	38½	-½	0.5	1.6	14.7
55	40	Chiltern Capital	51	+1			=
36	26	Carlesle	33	-2			=
295	228	Cleanlz Sec	228			1.3	20.4
33	18	Cleanze	31				=
18½	6½	Corp Services	16	-1			=
80	50	Dem	80		3.3	5.2	9.1
230	198	Dialog Service	220	-7	7.0	4.5	=
104	85	EW Tech	98	+1	4.3	5.5	=
16½	11	Gardner	16		0.6	5.2	=
36	20	Gardner (DC)	35				=
246	226	Hays	238	-3	6.6	2.4	23.3
210	178	Hogg Robinson	208	-1	6.3	4.5	12.3
70	56	Holmes Protecto	56				3.3
163	127	Hunch Whamp	146	+1		3.2	=
£120½	£650	ISS B DKr	£118½			0.9	16.8
637	532	Inchcape	593	+8		2.9	19.8
1000	669	Johnson Clean	833		26.7	3.9	=
13	7½	Lep	9½				
266	173	Mitie Gp	214		2.7	1.6	17.6
1187	893	Manpower	1020				=
49½	41	Michael Page	42		1.8	5.5	=
279	217	Pentos	273			0.9	69.2
4½	2	Prime People	2½				
120	85	Proudfoot Alex	118		10.5	22.8	2.5
453	386	RCO	395	-3	12.8	4.4	13.5
118	113	REA	113		4.0	4.4	=
69	43	Reed Executive	55				=
156	122	Reliance Sec	122	-2		3.6	12.6
298	208	Rentokil	217		2.3	1.5	=
270	240	Robt & Nolan	272		6.2	2.8	18.6
399	343	Sabreen (C)	350	-7	7.0	2.5	19.4
35	29	Scot Pickford's	31	-1½		3.2	8.5
206	164	Securicor	167		9.4	7.0	8.8
6	5	Select Appt	6				
953	696	Sisnet Gp	953	+13	14.0	1.8	=
352	253	Shirred Carpe	340	+5		2.2	9.2
130	101	Stanley	110		3.0	3.4	13.4
355	327	Warner Howard	338			2.3	19.1
45	38	Welpac	38	-1	0.6	2.0	=
25	14	Wilk Gp	23	+½		0.5	31.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

248	227	Allied Colloids	230		3.9	2.1	18.3
750	613	Amersham	710	-5	12.5	2.2	26.3
7	4¼	Anglo Utd	6¾		0.8		
£1304½	£825	BASF DM	9885½	+100			7.0
269	231	BTP	254	-1	8.8	4.4	18.6
£119	£104½	Bayer DM50	£113½	-37½			5.0
156	134	Bingdon	148		9.5	8.0	=
165	141	Brent Chems	141	-1	7.4	6.6	=
520	428	Br Bio-Tech	468				=
20	16	Cabot Gp	20½		1.5	6.3	=
153	127	Canning (W)	135		7.2	7.0	=
608	530½	Courtaulds	584		13.0	2.9	15.3
270½	228	Croda	263	+1	7.256	3.8	=
146	121	Dowlais	128		4.6	4.5	=
198	176	Ellis & Everard	176	-2	7.0	5.0	16.0
28	15½	Enro Colour	20½	-½	0.6	3.1	=
291	259	Halstead (J)	285			2.6	14.3
225	194	Hickson	217		8.0	4.7	=
£116½	£62½	Hoechst	£103	+50		7.6	=
1284	1048	ICI	1153	-3	80.0	6.9	20.6
668	581	Laporte	638	+2	19.5	3.9	=
225	197	Leigh	198	-3	7.8	4.9	16.2
19½	12	MTM	14			1.8	2.8
1712½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1600				18
420	370	Petrocon Tech	419	+1	11.4	3.8	16.1
375	300	-do- 'A'	323		11.4	3.8	16.1
286	254	Plysu	268		6.0	2.8	18.1
216	172	Portals	208	-2	3.6	2.2	22.0
15	7½	Scottish Spark	15				=
475	425	Waddle Storeys	450	-10	17.0	4.7	=
490	395	Watchtime P	465				=
391	368	Yorks Chem	381			2.5	20.4
306	240	Yule Catto	288		5.4	2.3	17.8

DRAPERY, STORES

105	63	Alexon	82	-1	3.0	4.6	=
70	42	Amber Day	67		3.1	5.8	18.4
349	287	Argos Pic	308	-7		2.8	21.2
90	60	Arthur (Lonnie)	80			0.1	=
305	283	Asprey	290			2.1	23.3
203	186	Austin Reed	188		6.0		24.7
153	125	Beattie (I) 'A'	141		5.7	3.1	13.7
121	97	Bernalls	120		5.0	4.0	67.7
273	208	Betterware	258	-7		0.6	38.5
31	22	Blacks Leis	22		3.3		4.5
227	133	Body Shop	214	+1	1.6	0.9	24.7
15½	12	Brown & Jackson	14½				0.7
401	318	Brown (N)	365		9.5	2.5	22.8
84	64½	Burton	80				23.2
146	126	Clinton	144				19.1
320	286	Church	320	+7	12.5	4.9	=
185	97	Clinton Cards	168		4.2	3.4	=
245	212	Coats Viyella	236	+6		3.9	25.6
106	78	Criterion	88	-2			14.9
469	374	Crown Paintsh	466		5.0	1.3	23.5
155	115	Crown Eyes	148			5.4	6.5
106	89	Daisy Farm Ind	96			3.8	=
64½	51½	Dewhirst (JJ)	64½	+1	0.7	1.4	21.4
281	208	Dixons Gp	208		6.0	2.6	24.5
387	320	Dunhill	356	+5	7.7	2.7	12.3
21	12½	ERA Gp	15				=
520	402	Ellys (Wimbledon)	480			16.0	5.0	8.9
115	71	Etam Plc	99				3.5	16.8
226	203	Evans	207			6.6	4.0	18.5
562	498	Fine Art Dev	507			11.0	2.5	21.3
51	36	Floral Earth Tiles	38					=
500	498	Forminster	498			12.5	3.1	10.4
51	34	French Conne	51					=
41	23	Goldsmiths Gp	37			1.8		
2650	2400	GUS	2645			40.0	1.9	21.1
1728	1563	-do- 'A'	1616			40.0	3.1	12.8
47	34	Hampden Grp	34	-1			5.1	7.4
277	123	Harlestone	130	-6	4.8	4.7	7.9
25½	20	Helene Pic	23½			2.0	11.3	=
42	29	Heritage	39					=
58	35	Hunglyscotch	51					=
158	128	Hse of Lorme	153			10.3	7.0	=
68	63	Jacques Vert	63			3.8		
595	496	Kingfisher	580	-12		2.0	16.4
74	65½	Ladies Wear Gp	70			4.7	21.1
682	580	Laura Ashley	580	-10	7.2	1.6	39.5
313	265	Lloyds Chem	285			5.5	3.4	11.3
152	120	MFI	124	-1			3.8	16.5
360	311	Marks Spencer	338	-3		2.1	2.6	16.6
690	495	Marstin (John)	676			10.0	2.6	15.8
158	138	Mast Bros	151			5.0	4.1	28.1
176	139½	Next	171½		2.5	1.5	=	
25	15	Oliver (G)	22					=
215	175	Outfinse Intl	215					=
53	45	Pentos	49	-1	1.5	3.9	=	
313	255	Qs Holdgs	293		5.1	2.2	=	
19	11	Rangers Group	17½		2.4	17.1	=	
38	29	Ribbs Dp-Tech	38					=
197	157	Sherwood Gp	157					=
39	29	Sears	30	+2		4.3	27.9	
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	425	+5	13.4	4.0	14.9	
14½	4½	Speckalgate	6½					
219	179	Storehouse	199		5.0	3.1	=	
198	158	T & S Stores	167	-6	5.0	4.5	=	
71	71	Tie Rack	106		0.5	0.6	=	
213	160	Time Products	194	-1	7.3	4.8	19.0	
109	83	Usher (Frankie	98			1.0	7.7	
42	33	Vent	39					=
40	35	Wensum	35				1.5	43.0
104	78	Wickes	97	-3				=
60	45	Wid of Leathers	60					=
185	146	Wyevale	185			2.7		=
3½	2½	Xtra-vision	2½					=

ELECTRICALS

182	147	ACT Group	165	-1	4.5	3.4	16.2
238	223	Acsle	238			3.1	19.9
162½	38	Acorn Compu	38½				30.7
480	385	Admiral	442			5.4	15.5	18.7
131	104	Alba	130			4.7	4.6	17.1
38	19½	Alphameric	38					=
39½	22	Amstrad	35½	-½	0.4			=
128	101	App Helos	101					=
17	13	Arlen	13	-1				=
53½	35½	Astec	37	+1				=
260	250	Beales Hunter	257			9.2	4.3	14.1
9	5	Benson & Penni	5½					
387	319	BICC	368	+8	19.2	7.0	23.4	
375	485	Blick	485		9.2	2.5	18.2	
1650	1150	Borland's	1300	+50				=
302	274	Bowthorpe	295	-1	6.3	2.7	=	
448½	378	BT	446	+6	14.4	4.2	15.9	
9	5½	Baigin (AR) 'A'	7½		0.1	1.6	=	
151	110	Burnfield	140		5.7	5.1	22.1	
115	71	Cable Wireless	716	-7	13.2	2.3	22.1	
149	111	Chloride	139					
251	228	Cml Microsy	230			1.4	43.3	31.7
98	74	Comptr People	95			0.6	0.9	=
151	109	Corp Elect	133				9.5	10.9
326	243	Critchley	320	-5		2.4	22.7	
486	414	Delta	454			14.0	3.9	=
298	205	Dennards Ele	280				2.6	=
630	460	Domino	520	-5		7.2	1.7	18.1
66	48	Dowding Mills	66			2.3	5.8	17.6
1090	865	Druck	995				1.2	24.2
41	38	Electrocomputs	38	-1	7.0	2.2	21.4	
573	470	El Data Prc	500			5.1	1.1	19.4
75	47	Electron House	70			2.3	1.5	29.3
30	19½	Emess	18½			0.1	0.7	
563	442	Eurotherm	558			8.0	1.8	25.4
220	178	Farnell Elect	218			5.8	1.9	20.8
39	37	Ferdbacks	37					=
18	9½	Ferranti	15½	-½				=
150	101	First Tech	150					=
203	81	Forward Gps	198	-1		1.6	23.8	
20	17	Forward Tech	18					
318	264	GEC	317	+4	8.6	3.8	16.8	
182	132	Grasby	163	-2	10.9	8.4	=	
39	38	Hilcare	39			1.8	15.1	
486	451	Hoskyns Gp	485			2.4	8.6	59.8
14½	4	Instrata	10½				3.8	=
219	178	Intl Computers	208	+3	4.2	2.0	16.5	
378	320	Lowe Electron	370		8.3	2.2	14.5	
9	8	Ramsbey	8					
321	260	Kenwood App	312	+1				=
149	47	Kewill Sys	128	-2				=

FINANCE, LAND

60½	53	Aitken Hume	55		0.5		35.1
75	47	BWD's	75			5.3	11.2
38	26	Baltic Plc	35	+2	1.0	3.8	14.0
455	420	Caledonia	422		14.4	4.2	16.6
1500	1075	Camellia	1450		27.0	2.3	12.2
258	243	Candover	243		10.3	5.3	=
91	71	Fleetcrib	78				7.7
246	155	Gower	246	+2		6.7	7.7
145	125	Ivory Sime	140	-½		5.6	14.7
3½	1¾	LIT	3½				
12	11	Lighterhip	12				0.6
165	154	Lon Forfeitings	164	-1		5.9	13.0
57	47	Mansfield	55				=
70	43	Radhse	56			6.0	19.3
92	61	Real Time	69	+1		5.4	6.3
28	18	Rhea	28				=
630	488	Sage Gp	577	-3	9.0	2.0	18.5
60	50	Scarrabrie	50		2.9	5.8	18.9
142	120	Schuler Grp	120		5.6	5.2	23.6
320	270	Secna Gp	290		2.8	1.2	23.4
39	22	Silverstreams	34			7.8	=
45	37	Soundtracks	44			6.3	14.8
2300	1737½	TDR	2225	-125		1.3	22.2
7½	4½	TDS Circuits	7½				
141	80	Telemetrik	126		0.6	0.6	43.9
890	670	TYCOM Elec	864	-46	20.1	4.4	22.3
111	96	Thorpe FW	108		2.5	2.6	11.1
103	75	Total Systems	85		2.2	3.3	15.2
428	372	Tunstall	410		6.0	1.8	18.4
240	164	Unitech	219	-1	5.8	3.3	38.3
11½	6	Vertex	7½				
33½	24	Vistec	27½	-1		1.4	23.4
434	320	Vodafone	385	-5		1.0	18.9
441	374	Volex	418	-5		5.1	21.2
22	11	Wessex Telecm	20				
245	223	Wholesale Figs	224	-1	11.7	6.5	21.3

ELECTRICITY

480	389	East Midlands	477	+7	17.1	4.5	9.2
408	330	Eastern Elect	400	+9	17.1	4.3	9.2
356	304	Hydro-Elect	354	+3½	10.1	3.6	12.4
500	404	London Elect	497	+8	16.8	4.2	9.6
567	458	Manweb	545	+7	18.2	4.2	7.9
565	435	Midlands Elec	500	+6	17.2	4.3	10.3
1140	1130	Northern Elec	1130	+6	18.5	4.6	8.2
594	439	Norweb	532	+6	17.7	4.2	10.0
337	285	Scottish Power	333	+1	10.1	3.8	12.4
525	436	Seeboard	523	+8	17.2	4.1	9.4
555	460	Sth Wales	538	+7	19.4	4.3	10.1
521	426	Sth Western	521	+8	17.4	4.2	9.4
493	405	Southern Elec	480	+5	16.6	4.2	9.2
567	455	Yorkshire Elec	547	+10	17.7	4.1	10.2
3554	273	National Power	348	+3	9.1	3.3	11.5
352	273	PowerGen	350	+5		3.8	10.9

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1950	1487½	Amer Express	1850	+75		6.7	3.9	20.5
224	183	Electra	216			4.5	2.1	20.3
978	625	Henderson Ad	920		41.0	5.6	20.3	
120	92	Invesco MIM	104		3.0	3.7	=	
218	164	Investor Stmt	179			4.4	8.1	
194	156	MAI	176			5.1	12.8	
199	169	MAM	195	+2	11.5	3.2	17.8	
795	653	M & G	772	+1	20.0	3.2	20.5	
194	115	Smith New Ct	194	+5	4.5	2.9	7.7	
97	97	Sterling Tst	97				8.5	
78	55	Tyle Hldgs	69			5.4		

HOTELS, CATERERS

16	16	Abrdn Brit Ho	16				
89	77	City Centre Rest	85	+2	1.5	2.3	=
170	120	Forte	177½	-1½	8.9	7.0	=
199	155	Friendly Hotels	155		5.5	4.4	12.4
9	6½	Harmony Inns	6½				
110	87	Jarvis Hotel	110			5.5	33.0	
116	106	Ladbroke	108	-3		8.2	22.5	
73	60	Mandarin Oriel	66			5.4	=	
59	44	Queens Moat	47½		2.8	7.6	6.3	
99	83	-do- 7½% cnv	85		7.5	11.0		
5	4	Regal Hotels	5½					
58	28	Resort Hotels	36		3.4	12.0	9.1	
780	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	740		7.0	1.2		
54	34½	Smith	48			1.2		

INDUSTRIALS

224	183	AAF Inds	206	+2		5.2	12.0
616	518	AAR	519	-8	16.3	3.0	16.5
172	143	ADM	147		6.5	5.5	9.1
102	100	AFV	102		5.4	6.3	=
183	81	ASW	163	-6	6.0	4.6	
155	124	Advent	144		7.0	6.2	20.2
16	10	Aerospace Eng	13½		1.0		8.2
468	434	Aitspring	434		7.5	3.2	12.0
133	113	Alexandra W	120		3.6	3.8	64.9
8	6	Allied Radio	8				
527	415	Alumasc	527		11.0	2.6	16.1
37	17	Alvis	29	-1	1.0	4.5	6.0
420	380	Amber Ind	390		17.0	5.4	10.5
38	18	Amberley Gps	31			4.0		
145	135	Andrews Sykes	143		4.4	3.8	=
888	700	Anthrikgass	870	-3		3.4	=	
39	37	Armour	43		1.4	4.3	12.6	
170	143	Ash & Lacy	162	+1	6.4	4.9	=	
9½	2	Ass Br Eng	9		0.8	1.6	=	
555	445	Avon Rubber	534	-1	16.5	3.9	20.8	
226	186	Axmr Marspn	220	+5			8.4	
715	570	Allis Eagle	715	+2			3.9	=
48	35	Ayrshire Metal	45					
172	148	BBA	149	-3		6.3	=	
38	28	BLP Group	36					
77	17	BSG	20	+3	23.0		0.8	
784	704	BSGC	770	+14	23.0	4.1	15.6	
709	615	BSG	615			5.4	16.1	
453	353	BSS Group	402			5.4	16.1	
610	530	BTR	610			3.7	20.0	
221	194	BW	194	-1	6.7	4.4	18.4	
41½	31	Babcock	38½			3.1		8.0
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6					
289	241	Baird (Wm)	254		8.9	4.4	=	
1065½	581½	Barlow Rand	609½	+6½		6.3	3.1	
7	7	Barrett (H)	7			2.0		20.8
63	48	Bayton (Charles)	60	-1	1.4	3.0	=	
15	5	BeanStord	6		1.8			
8	6½	Bedfordshire	8			7.8		
24	15	Bedford (Wm)	20	-½				
27½	20½	Benson Group	20½		0.7	0.6	59.0	
709	608	Bespak	701		9.0	1.6	21.8	
138	115	Bibby (J)	115	-1	8.2	11.2	6.4	
230	190	Bilton (J)	210½		5.0	3.0	=	
99½	85	Bilton Bureau	90					
11½	7½	Binnet Ind	9			0.6		=

FOODS

515	467	AB Food	485	+1	14.0	3.6	11.1
77½	53	ASDA Group	66½			3.0	23.4
225	198	Acatos & Hutch	198		6.3	4.4	10.7
74	47	Allied Fisher	71		3.1	6.1	=
407	326	Argyll	333	-4	9.7	3.7	13.1
25	15	Ashley Group	15		0.7	7.2	=
147	127	Assoc Fisheries	147		8.0	7.2	=
280	160	Bell (C)	280	+1	8.4	4.9	10.5
350	310	Barr (AG)	349		6.5	2.5	17.6
94	66	Bensons Crips	66	-6		5.8	=
135	112½	Berisford Intl	125	-3			4.1
455	377	Booker	387	+4		7.3	13.2
58	46	Bovis Intl	46		1.1	3.1	30.7
488	430	Brake Bros	484			1.6	20.2
51	38	Budgen	39				13.3
513	444	Cadbury-Schw	484	+6		3.4	18.0
89	78	Cams Milling	83		3.9	3.9	16.6
256	137	Clifford Pd 'A'	256		11.5	5.8	=
201	178	Cranswick	200			4.7	14.8
20	9½	Cullens	15½	-1½	0.5	4.0	8.3
384	368	Dalgety	368	-7	19.5	5.6	12.7

Rolling radio news or a 24-hour yawn?

The BBC's proposed round-the-clock News Network has attracted protests from listeners and scepticism from experts. Yet plans to open the station next year continue

"You give us 22 minutes and we will give you the world!" This is how one New York-based rolling news radio network invites listeners to tune in. Round and round it goes, repeating its bulletins. Every 22 minutes.

Try as it might, the BBC has been unable to dampen fears that its planned 24-hour radio *News Network* will serve up the same mind-numbing fare on this side of the Atlantic. Amid all the panic created by the corporation's initial decision to put the new station on long wave, and confining Radio 4 to the FM band, the proposed service's form and content has been overlooked.

What, then, is the BBC proposing with its radical new station? Who wants it, anyway? According to the corporation's research, the typical *News Network* listener is more likely to be a C2 male, and aged 16 to 34, who already listens to independent local radio. Another survey shows that 21 per cent of the public favour the new channel. The BBC hopes that such findings indicate the existence of a big new audience, in addition to the traditional Radio 4 listeners, for the 24-hour service.

Jenny Abramsky, BBC radio's news and current affairs editor, says that the new station, due to go on air in 12 months' time, will extend, not reduce choice. "Popular programmes such as *Today*, *The World At One*, *PM*, *The 6 O'Clock News* and *The World Tonight* will still be there, on both Radio 4 and the new channel," she explains. "But between those landmarks there will be a new choice of routes: the Radio 4 mix on one frequency and news-based programmes on the other."

Supporters of *News Network* such as John Humphrys, a presenter on Radio 4's *Today* programme, hope that it will enable the BBC to compete directly with daily newspapers, with the gaps between half-hourly news bulletins filled by features, analyses, comment and live discussions.



Support: John Humphrys



Choice: Jenny Abramsky



Concern: Charles Wheeler

Certainly, the range of newspaper coverage is something to aim for. Whereas Radio 4 might cover 38 stories in its news programmes throughout one day, national daily papers cover more than 70.

For Paul Reynolds, the BBC's diplomatic correspondent, *News Network*'s greatest strength is its potential for live coverage.

"As the BBC's continuous FM coverage of the Gulf war showed, presenting news in the raw like this, unprocessed and unpackaged by production teams, can really bring people closer to the events they hear about," he says.

Mr Reynolds cites as examples the huge potential impact of an instant and unedited broadcast of Michael Heseltine's dramatic statement to the Commons on pit closures and the intensely moving first press conference after the Warrington bombing.

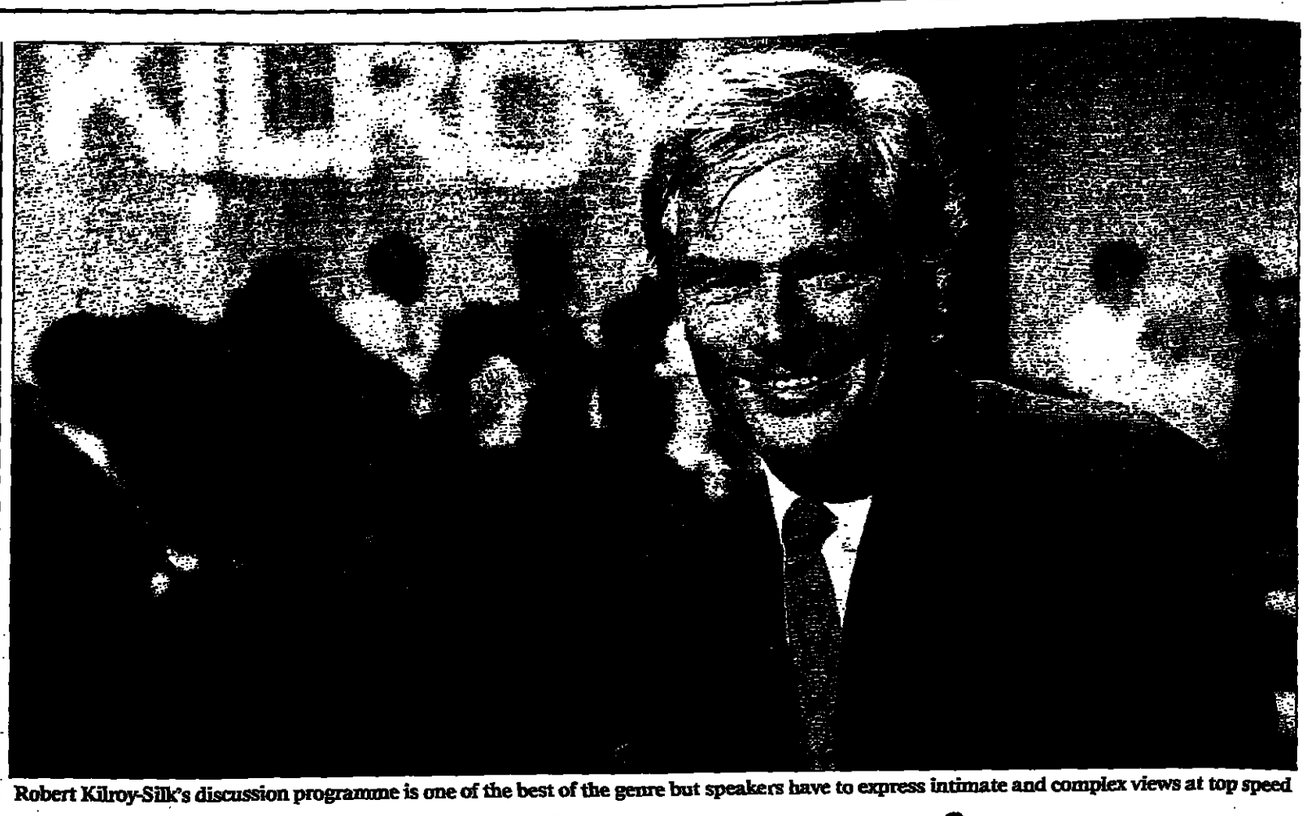
Some BBC journalists, such as Charles Wheeler, a former US correspondent who now freelances for *Newsnight* on BBC2, have voiced concern that expanding the BBC's news output may place too many demands on its correspondents. But the corporation points to the extra £9 million of resources it has earmarked for the station's first year.

Scepticism outside the BBC also remains, not least among listeners in parts of Britain and the Continent where Radio 4 can be received only on long wave. The BBC has promised, belatedly, that the new service will not start until reception is satisfactory in all areas.

The experience of other countries is not reassuring. France's public service 24-hour rolling news service *France-Info*, for example, is widely considered a huge success. But after nearly six years of churning out a monotonous round of updated bulletins every seven minutes, interspersed with repeats of "magazine" items, its daily audience still averages three and a half million.

The BBC will have to attract many more listeners if it is to convince the licence fee payers that *News Network* has been worth all the effort.

ALEXANDRA FREAN



Robert Kilroy-Silk's discussion programme is one of the best of the genre but speakers have to express intimate and complex views at top speed

Morality in 15 minutes

Broadcasters have a responsibility to stop TV discussion shows degenerating into slanging matches, or having so many speakers that there is no depth, says **Roger Graef**

"Be controversial," said the sparky middle-aged floor-manager, sporting his earphones and clipboard, and running on the spot with nervousness like a modern March hare. "Be controversial — it makes great television." We were stuck in three blocks, the producer explained beforehand: "the hard-liners, the soft-liners, and the young offenders". She apologised for making it sound so crude, "but that's so the presenter will know who he's talking to".

This is the television bear pit: the mass discussion programme cloned from the American shows led by Phil Donahue and Oprah Winfrey, and mastered here by Robert Kilroy-Silk and Mike Scott for the main networks. They deal with emotional issues that in any sane world would require time, thought, insight and patience. Instead it is as if contributors were given fragments of time to have an intimate conversation with a psychiatrist on a station platform at rush hour with the shrink about to board the train.

"Controversy" is judged by the decibel level of the audience and the visibility of veins on the necks of the invited guests. At their best, Winfrey, Scott and Kilroy can be brilliant and rise above the format's limitations. At its worst, it provides cheap television in every sense of the word.

The formula has been copied by local ITV stations. Unlike the single subject of a network show, they squeeze two or three into their slot. On *Central Weekend*, a particularly raucous version, I once tried to discuss police misconduct with four victims, MPs, police and an angry audience. Our quarter of an hour was sandwiched between chats about witchcraft and a new union for prostitutes.

Some subjects are in marked contrast with the triviality of tone. Twinned with "why pop music now relies on old songs", Granada looked at the state of the nation's morals, no less. Many of the audience were from Liverpool and baying for the blood of the youngsters who killed Jamie Bulger. The "discussion" was dominated by a shouting match between a woman who wanted to kill or castrate all criminals and a young ex-offender trying to make a life for himself. Terry Dicks, the only MP willing to appear, gleefully agreed with the Liverpool contingent. Having heard an academic and me trying to speak about positive remedies, Mr Dicks argued for "machine-gunning young criminals", and "cutting off the hands of thieves", a sentiment which brought applause. John Over, Chief Constable of Gwent, froze with distaste and vowed never to participate in such an event again.

It could be argued that this "infotainment" is just an amusing and harmless way to let ordinary people challenge experts about current concerns in popular culture as well as politics. But on a subject as vulnerable to hysteria, prejudice and misconception as crime and punishment, I believe television has a responsibility to its viewers and to those who participate in its programmes not to make matters worse.

Meridian's *Loud and Clear* a fortnight ago looked at youth crime. The researchers had done well in assembling young offenders and their parents, people who worked closely with them, victims, magistrates, police and MPs. The presenter, Dr Hilary Jones, insisted there was "no script" and he wanted to hear what everyone had to say. But there were 60 of us. If half the group spoke for only one minute, and the rest spoke for two, it would take 90 minutes — two commercial television hours — the stuff of a major debate, or a late night programme like Channel 4's *After Dark*, which had only eight guests. With an introductory film, we had 22 minutes.

And Dr Jones had a script, which made him unable to listen. The young offenders agreed that prison had been a waste of time, and a training ground for more serious crimes. In the national mood of retribution and despair, it was a useful contribution. They were interrupted by a couple of motorbikes arriving to show how cheap and effective motor projects are for diverting joyriders. On hand, bursting to speak, were a dozen other practitioners of positive alternatives to expensive and wasteful custody.

But it seems their conclusion wasn't in the script. Turning his back on them, the presenter said to the "hard liners": "This seems to me like a soft option. We've heard from these young people that nothing works but long sentences [*sic*]. We don't seem to be able to get enough of those." The MP mocked the motorbike project, saying it was "fantastically expensive" (the organiser had said how cheap it was to run). He referred to the need to change the law to imprison "murderers". (The law already allows that. But all these young offenders were shoplifters or thieves.) But no correction came from Dr Jones, nor did he give time for "the softies" to put the record straight. It was "infotainment" at its worst; careless, destructive, and reinforcing viewers' prejudices by rubbishing even the evidence the programme had offered.



Model show? Oprah Winfrey, right, with Cindy Crawford. Her sometimes brilliant shows can descend into cheapness

At a time when moral values seem to be breaking down, John Birt, Director-General of the BBC, spoke last week about helping the nation deal with difficult questions. He also promised the widest reach of voices to counter the current metropolitan bias of London-based production.

Audience participation programmes can achieve this. They can be both good television and enlightening; on *Question Time* the audience is often more eloquent than the panel. The only time Mrs Thatcher was caught off guard was by a housewife in the *Granada 500* who asked about the sinking of the *Belgrano*, with a force no professional ever managed.

But overcrowded and overheated exchanges while rushing through a forest of rich issues are parodies of discussion that value sound and fury over insight. On subjects like crime, to which there are no easy answers, the last thing we need are more shouted headlines and political shorthand based on wishful thinking and a lack of knowledge of the evidence. "Family values", "teach them a lesson", "bring back the fifties" (however desirable they may be) are phrases that, if left unexamined, fog our understanding of how to change the behaviour of troublesome young people.

It would be revealing television to bring a group of young offenders together with adults spouting such clichés and encourage them to explore each other's experience. But the *sine qua non* of such an encounter is the room for each of them to listen and learn. Without that time and space, both participants and viewers are left with the frustration of a dialogue of the deaf. And a sense of both the hopelessness of the problem, and the irrelevance of television, when neither conclusion is correct.

● *Roger Graef is the author of* Living Dangerously: young offenders in their own words *(HarperCollins, £14.99).*

Put not your faith in polls

Public scepticism about market research casts doubts on its accuracy

Do people tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth to market research interviewers? You must be kidding. My scepticism about market research was born when I was a toddler. An interviewer knocked on our door to ask my mother which paper she read. "*The Times*," she replied unhesitatingly. "Mum", I said as the door slammed, "you don't read *The Times*." "Maybe not, but it's no business of hers," she said haughtily.

Quite apart from newspaper reading, many subjects prompt respondents to fib to market researchers. Few people are willing to tell the unvarnished truth about their alcohol and cigarette consumption. And their fabrications will be especially gross, it has been shown, if the interview takes place in front of another member of their family. If I imbibe a bottle of hooch a day I'll admit to a few doubles — unless my spouse is in earshot, in which case I hardly touch the stuff.

Market researchers have long been aware of respondents' proclivity to massage facts. But at last week's annual Market Research Society Conference, attended by more than 600 UK research panjandrums, Stephen Chinn, of Saatchis, revealed that many respondents are now going much further. They are no longer being parsimonious with the truth: they are deliberately manipulating market researchers.

Mr Chinn carried out a pioneering study, ironically using standard market research techniques, which showed that many interviewees now understand researchers' methods all too well. As a young Nottingham lager drinker put it, "You don't seem to realise how much we know about what you do, and what role you need us to play. You think what you're doing is clever . . . but has it occurred to you that we probably know more about you than you know about us?"

> 'You think you're clever . . . but we probably know more about you'

Some respondents in Mr Chinn's study went further. They scorned the apparent ignorance of the companies that sponsor the market surveys. Surely, they said, these big businesses should know the answers already, or anyway be able to work them out for themselves? Some cheerfully admitted to playing games with researchers. "I don't want to have advertisements that make me buy things," said one respondent. "I just want ads to be dead funny!"

And the notion that the manufacturers carry out surveys in order to be able to understand customer needs was thought laughable. Respondents were well aware they were being interviewed to help the manufacturers to keep their production lines flowing and their profits growing.

Market research is a £350-million-a-year industry. Opinion polls and surveys are published daily. Everyone by now knows roughly how they work, and as the last general election irrefutably established, by no means everyone responds to them truthfully. The 53 pre-election polls were, when averaged, 8.5 per cent adrift from the result. Professor Ivor Crewe, of Essex University, has suggested that many voters may be manipulating opinion polls in the same way as they do by-elections — to register disapproval and let politicians know how they feel.

Most people prefer to be seen as responsible. Many claim they are willing to pay higher taxes *pro bono publico*, then change their minds when they vote; many claim to be worried about environmental pollution, but buy the same old detergents; many say safety is more important to them than speed, then buy the zippiest car they can afford. Not everyone lies; but if a fair proportion do that will be more than enough to skew the results completely.

Mr Chinn's most important finding is that respondents' tendency to fib is growing. If he is right, the polls' failure to predict accurately the results of elections is a harbinger. And given the growing propensity of British businesses to use market research in the same way as drunks use lampposts — not for illumination but for support — the consequences for advertising and marketing could be great.

WINSTON FLETCHER

MEDIA, SALES & MARKETING

Advertisement Sales Agent

You...
...are a frank person with a friendly aura?
...would call yourself an experienced and skilled salesman?
...know how to get in and keep contact with people - by phone, fax and personal presence?
...are familiar with the business of advertisement sales? (or, otherwise, like to get familiar with it?)

Then maybe you...
...like to represent a leading German magazine in Britain?
...want to take the challenge to canvass and attend on advertisers?

We...
...are a well-established publisher's house in Germany,
...publish one of the leading magazines for young people in Germany that supports the fascinating market of computer and video game entertainment.
...are looking for a partner to be our bridge-head towards the young and dynamical British game software industry.
...offer you efficiency-oriented earnings above the average.

You will work for us in or near London either as a free-lancer with a fixed contract or as an employee.

→ Please contact:
→ Tronic-Verlag,
→ Mr. Christian Widuch,
→ Germany - 3440 Eschwege

Tel:010 49 5651 929 101. Fax:010 49 5651 929 144.

We are the world leading glass and crystal tableware manufacturer and have vacancies for

TWO SALES REPRESENTATIVES

to prospect and sell the top end of our ranges to the specialist glass, china and gift trade nationwide, operating from our London office.

The suitable candiates will be in their mid twenties and have a good selling experience in this trade. Some working knowledge of French would be an advantage.

The company offers a good package as well as an excellent opportunity to further a career in sales and marketing.

Please reply in confidence and with full details to:
Daniel Corberand
V.C.A - J.G Durand & Cie
10 The Boltons,
London SW10 9TD

MARKETING / SALES EXECUTIVE

Self motivated enthusiastic person for national entertainments company.
Based mainly "on the road".
Exciting opportunity in a new position.
CV to Paul Carter, West Heath House, Kings Drive, Midhurst, Sussex GU29 0BJ.
Closing date 16th April 1993.

TRAINING FILMS AND PUBLICATIONS

High basic plus commission.
Enthusiastic, well presented, sales people needed to join a successful young team in a non-smoking environment in WC1. If you have an excellent telephone manner and track record please call Jenny Verdon on 071 404 1585

New City Dining Club
MEMBERSHIP SALES MANAGER

International Club Company, a premier business, leisure and golf club developer and operator seeks dedicated and committed persons to be responsible for the sales of club memberships for their modern city club redevelopment project in London EC4.

The persons we are seeking must possess:

– Proven sales record preferred, but not essential
– Good communication and written skills
– Competent management, inter personal and administrative skills

We offer a rewarding salary and excellent on-target-earnings as well as intensive training and career advancement opportunities.

Please apply in writing forwarding your C.V. to:

International Club Company Ltd.
c/o Gilbert Bradshaw Associates,
115, Newgate Street, London, EC1A 7AE.
Tel: 071-606-9964.

YOUR LANGUAGE + SALES = £60K

Earn up to £2,000 per week in sales using your business skills and your languages.

We are a major publishing company situated in central London looking for speakers of Spanish, German, Italian and French.

You will certainly have a good business or sales background and will be enthusiastic and articulate.

For further information on this exciting sales opportunity, call

Simon Johnson on 071-753 4300

RESIDENTIAL LETTINGS NEGOTIATOR

Druce is seeking an experienced Lettings Negotiator for its South Kensington office. Central London experience would be an advantage, but is not essential. However, a high degree of self-motivation, enthusiasm and the ability to work wiht a professional team, dealing with national and international clientele, is essential.

If you feel you have the right experience and are now ready to take up a challenging and progressive career within an expanding company, telephone BERNARD GORDON, FSVA for an informal discussion.

071 581 3771

TRAINEE PARTNERS

2 individuals aged 23-28, with sound academic background required. Experience not necessary but the ability to specialise on a technical and conceptual level essential. Potential to progress to full partnership in 3 to 5 years.
Call GREG KNIGHT on 071-240 0160

ALL BOX NO REPLIES SHOULD BE SENT TO:
BOX NO....
BOX NO. DEPT
TIMES NEWSPAPERS
P.O. BOX 484
VIRGINIA STREET
WAPPING,
LONDON E1 9DD

هكذا من الاصل

هكذا من الأصل



THEATRE page 30
Dark deeds observed in the Deep South, as From the Mississippi Delta comes to London

ARTS

ART page 31
Jacob Jordaens: Antwerp, Cultural Capital of Europe, salutes its Old Master



MUSIC: **Richard Morrison** on musical plagiarism, exemplified by *The Beggar's Opera*, opening tonight

Fortunes to be made in used notes



For once, let us banish all mention of brilliant, original geniuses. You are probably tired of reading about them. We are tired of writing about them. The clever-clogs who can fashion a devastating aphorism in the time it takes to say "Tom Stoppard". The Schuberts, the Mozarts and the Gershwins who scribble immortal melodies on beer-mats while waiting for the barman to replenish the salted peanuts. The Modiglianis who knock off £10,000 worth of doodles over the morning cuppa.

Don't get me wrong. We should not be beastly to geniuses all the time. We need them more than they need us. But we ought to acknowledge that all the arts, and music in particular, have room for a different sort of creativity: for opportunists, pale imitators and crafty adapters; for elegant thieves, incorrigible fakers and lovable rogues. For those who could not dream up an original statement in a month of Sundays, but who nevertheless have fashioned some of the ripest entertainments the world has known. No, not journalists. I refer to plagiarists.

Now is a good time to celebrate these musical thieving magpies, because tonight the Royal Shakespeare Company brings to the Barbican the *magnum opus* of plagiarism: John Gay's *Beggar's Opera*. Originally it had 69 tunes — marvellous, memorable, toe-tapping tunes. Tunes that have resonated down the centuries since the work's 1728 premiere. Yet not one of them is original. It was a remarkable achievement by Gay and his musical henchman, Pepusch: they devised an opera while managing to suppress any impulse to compose a single new melody.

How does one explain it? Gay's first intention was to lampoon Italian opera; to which his chief objection was that its exponents were over-paid, overweight and over here. Possibly they were oversexed as well — though this seems improbable, since the top stars were castrati. An incidental pleasure for the cynical Gay was to mock the corrupt government of the day, by caricaturing Walpole and his ministers as a bunch of highwaymen and fences.

So it mattered little to him where he pinched his tunes from, and he went about his kleptomania with a cheerful eclecticism. English ballads account for 28 of the tunes, Irish folksong for 15. A melody which the dainty French put to twee Christmas-carol words ("Quelle est cette odeur agréable?") was turned by Gay into a raucous highwayman's drinking song. "Fill ev'ry cup".

Such folksongs are, by definition, common property. So Gay was doing nothing ethically wrong here. Far more debatable, though perfectly legal in those pre-copyright times, was his grand larceny of other composers' operas. From the late, great Henry Purcell he pinched the hit-song of *Dioclesian*, "What shall I do to show how much I love her?", and twisted it into something smutty and cynical about the scarcity of virgins around the Covent Garden area. Imagine the scandal if, say, Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber pinched another composer's tune for his next musical! Not that Sir Andrew would ever do that.

Gay even purloined a tune from the man who was then the idol of London's opera-goers: George Frideric Handel. He presented the stirring march from Handel's *Rinaldo* as yet another raucous highwayman's chorus, "Let us take the road". And herein lies a delicious irony. Handel could not complain, because he himself was probably the biggest thief of other composers' tunes that musical history has ever known.

For the robbed composers it must have been doubly galling, because Handel invariably improved their work vastly in the rewriting. He would have made an excellent newspaper sub-editor — though of course sub-editors do not substitute their own names for the original authors', no matter how heavy their revisionism.

"Handel took other men's pebbles and polished them into diamonds," said the composer William Boyce. A bit generous, one may think. Other Handel apologists have compared him to Shakespeare, who never made up his own stories. But pinching another composer's tune wholesale is surely a far more serious thing: it would be as if Shakespeare had lifted Hamlet's soliloquy directly from a contemporary play.

The strange thing about the case of George Frideric is how little his contemporaries commented on it. And the reason is obvious: stealing from other composers was accepted as normal and okay — provided the thief improved the tune in the process.

> 'Gay and Pepusch suppressed any impulse to compose a single new melody'

This notion shocks us today. We hold idealistic views about authorship being sacred, and originality being next to godliness. Quite often, these days, the composer of a hugely successful song will be dragged through the courts, charged with plagiarism (funny how the composers of hugely *unsuccessful* songs are never sued). And lawyers will enjoy themselves immensely, and feed their hungry families for months, by talking augmented-fourths and dominant-sevenths to a judge who is likely to be tone-deaf.

We are probably right to have embraced into our ethical system the gargantuan paraphernalia of copyright law. But just consider how much poorer musical history would be if none of the great composers had been allowed to pinch *any* pre-existent material. You can wave goodbye to most of the medieval and Renaissance period for a start: all those wonderful parody-masses, "In Nominees" and "cantus firmus" compositions with which composers from Taverner to Palestrina demonstrated their sublime craft.

Bach would suffer as well: after all, his Passions lift their chorale tunes straight out of the Lutheran hymnbook. And the Lutherans stole many of their best tunes from secular sources: love-songs, minstrel songs, ballads. Consider the weird genealogy of the "hymn-tune" which, throughout the English-speaking world, is sung to the words "All glory, laud and honour". The editors of British hymn-books lifted it note for note from Bach's *St John Passion*. Bach in turn had pinched it (improving its harmony immeasurably, of course) from an early 17th century choirmaster called Melchior Teschner, who had published it as a hymn in Leipzig in 1615.

But Teschner was no great original. He had also pinched the tune, from a German dance collection published nearly 20 years earlier. The compiler of that dance collection had got the tune from the great English composer William Byrd, who had known it as *Sellinger's Round* and written a masterful set of keyboard variations on it, which he included in the widely influential *My Ladye Nevells Booke* in 1590.

As for Byrd, he knew the tune as a folk melody, brought over to England by Irish minstrels in the 1540s. Who Sellinger was, and what part he played in this convoluted history, is unclear.

It is not only music of the pre-Classical era that would suffer from a ban on plagiarism. Out, too, would go all those wonderful homage pieces of the romantic period: Rachmaninov's *Paganini Variations*, for instance. You would have to think hard about censoring Brahms's First Symphony: "any fool can hear that" he snapped, when a kindly friend pointed out that the big tune in its finale bears a distinct resemblance to the "Ode to Joy" in Beethoven's Ninth. Mahler's symphonies would be decimated, what with "Frère Jacques" and all those Austrian folksongs creeping in. Very naughty, Gustav.

I don't think Berg's Violin Concerto would pass muster, either, with its beautiful but oh-so-derivative recollection of a Bach cantata. As for Berio's Sinfonia, which "deconstructs" the entire scherzo of Mahler's Second Symphony — well, the man is shameless.

Operetta would not escape: Sullivan shoplifted from Donizetti wickedly in *Trial by Jury*, and some keen ears detect a tune from Wagner's *Ring* creeping into *The Mikado*. I hold a theory that Cole Porter's tremulous ballad, "So in Love", is harmonically too close to "Ich grolle nicht", the climactic number of Schumann's song-cycle *Dichterliebe*, for the similarity to be accidental. Ban it!

After a few days of merry manuscript-burning, however, the truth would dawn on the plagiarist-hunters. Even if you could stop composers from consciously stealing, their subconscious minds would continue the process. A British musicologist, the late Deryck Cooke, sought to demonstrate this in a fascinating book, *The Language of Music*. His thesis was that composers expressing the same emotion — unrequited love, for instance — reach time and again for near-identical melodic shapes.

I vowed to mention no geniuses, only plagiarists. But Bach, Brahms, and Mahler have cropped up anyway. How do they differ from John Gay and his 69 stolen tunes? Perhaps, like the gentleman burglar of some Edwardian novel, they are forgiven because they go about their crimes in such style. John Potter, a contemporary of Handel, wrote that a composer should be like "a curious bee: suck sweets from every flower". I doubt whether there is a composer in history who has not done that.

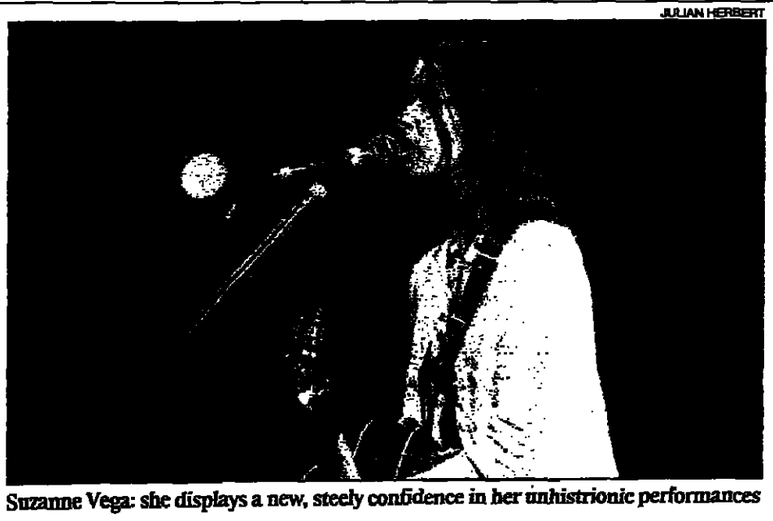
● The Beggar's Opera *opens tonight at the Barbican Theatre (071-638 8891) and is in repertory until June 10*

ROCK CONCERTS

Every word is finely judged

Suzanne Vega
Hammersmith Apollo

JULIAN HERBERT



Suzanne Vega: she displays a new, steely confidence in her unhistrionic performances

Few musical stereotypes fit as badly as the one long since assigned to Suzanne Vega. The image of fey, flaxen-haired folkie was far from apt in the first place but has become increasingly wide of the mark as, over the course of four studio albums, the 33-year-old New Yorker has subverted the expectations inherent to her genre with ever more ambitious and challenging material.

Most recently, for example, the album *99.9 Fahrenheit Degrees* placed both industrial noises and dance beats alongside the expected acoustic folk to throw shadows and light on some of the most intelligent songwriting accomplished anywhere within the pop sphere during the past year. And that it has proved, in America particularly, something of a commercial disappointment seems only to have strengthened Vega's resolve to plough an individual furrow.

Vega's best work demonstrates an astonishing attention to detail: each word is weighted perfectly within any one line, each line is balanced to bring rhythm and momentum to the verse, and each verse advances the imaginatively realised narrative of the whole lyric. And that she delivers these widely divergent songs — "Small Blue Thing", "Rock in this Pocket" and "As Girls Go" among them — with a seemingly artless detachment that belies the intent behind them only intensifies their impact. A less histrionic performer it would be hard to imagine. But a more economically yet emotionally effective one is equally rare.

An eight-year chart career is such that she has now amassed obvious crowd-pleasers: fans ad-libbed the group DNA's backing to her previously *a cappella* "Tom's Diner" in tribute to its surprise re-emergence as a 1991 dance hit and went into frenzy over two beautifully delivered favourites, the hit single "Luka" and a closing "The Queen and the Soldier". Elsewhere Mitchell Froom, who produced her latest album and who here led a distinguished four-piece supporting band, ensured that a suitably robust and adventurous soundtrack accompanied her well-chosen mix of both old and new material. Despite her steely confidence, her diffidence in dealing with the clamour for another and then yet another encore suggests she still does not realise quite how good she is on present form.

ALAN JACKSON

Lemonheads
National, Kilburn

It is not hard to see why Lemonheads have enjoyed such a decisive upswing in their fortunes since the release last summer of their fifth album *It's A Shame About Ray*. By the start of the 1990s, the trio, originally from Boston, had forged a cult reputation as a likable but unruly operation, much given to the kind of show where coherent pacing and any attempt at nuance were sacrificed to the explosive, unfocused thrust of the presentation as a whole, led by singer, guitarist and songwriter Evan Dando.

However, with the *Ray* album, Dando discovered a more restrained way of writing and arranging his songs, involving proper tunes and an acoustic guitar. A souped-up version of Paul Simon's "Mrs Robinson" provided the necessary hit single. And Dando managed to push the hair out of his eyes long enough to reveal the kind of Californian hippie lifeguard looks which recently prompted one magazine to describe him as "the most eligible man in rock".

There was some teen hysteria at the National, with screaming noises every time it looked as if the band was about to take the stage. The three musicians eventually slouched on and immediately launched into a brisk sequence of numbers with an alert, punchy sound quite unlike the grungey mêlée of old. "Confetti", "Rudderless" and "Alison's Starting To Happen", all from the *Ray* album, married loud, guitar-trio dynamics with the swift, breezy belt of power pop; a combination that contrived to be heavy without being angry.

With bassist Nic Dalton and drummer David Ryan producing a sound as hard and wiry as they looked, the slower, more wistful sequence which followed — incorporating "It's A Shame About Ray", "My Drug Buddy" and the epic "Ride With Me" — was the high point of the show. Dando treated the numbers with a suitably delicate touch, neatly paving the way for the return to the heavier firepower of "Kitchen" which followed.

Having dispatched 18 songs in well under an hour, they abruptly downed instruments and left the stage. Dando played a succession of "encores", but there was another swift departure and no "Mrs Robinson". Despite his new-found grace and accessibility, Dando is still nobody's cuddly toy.

DAVID SINCLAIR

D'OYLY CARTE ARE HEADING YOUR WAY!
19 APRIL – 1 MAY
Tickets from only £5
Offenbach's
ORPHEUS IN THE UNDERWORLD
co-production with Opera North
Gilbert & Sullivan's
THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE
in association with Victoria State Opera
SADLER'S WELLS
0171 278 8916
First Call 0171 240 7200
D'OYLY CARTE
Opera Company
Presented by Sadler's Wells
Photos courtesy of Opera North

English National Opera
TCHAIKOVSKY
The Queen of Spades
April 10 | 16 | 22 | 24 | 27 | 30 at 7.15pm
"... production of ravishing beauty."
Daily Telegraph
Box Office 071 836 3161
London Coliseum
St Martin's Lane London WC2
This revival is supported by a donation from
FRIENDS OF ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA



Hagerstown Charity No. 297210 Janice Cairns as Lisa | Photo Bill Cooper

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON

DON QUIXOTE: The highlight of the Royal Ballet season is a new full-length staging of this 19th-century Russian classic. *Don Quixote* is best-known for its flashy *grand pas de deux*, a show-stopper at many a gala night, but there hasn't been a full-length production of the ballet at Covent Garden for more than 40 years. The new version is by Mikhail Baryshnikov (who mounted it for American Ballet Theatre in 1978), staged for the Royal by director Anthony Dowell, and featuring a stark look, courtesy of the Olivier award-winning designer Mark Thompson.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066), 7.30pm.

THE BEGGAR'S OPERA: The RSC's London season re-opens with John Caird's boisterous production. David Burt is the dashing highwayman (see feature, page 29.)
Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7pm.

ONE STEP BEYOND!: Alan Gilbey's musical based on the hits of the group Madness, with a storyline about housing the homeless in the Ideal Home Exhibition. Opening night.
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, Stratford, E15 (081-534 0310). Tonight, 8pm; then Mon-Sat, 3pm. Until May 8.

LONTANA. Odaline de la Martinez conducts Elena Firsova's *Odyssey* and *Whirlpool* (first British performance), four songs by Ethel Smyth (with mezzo-soprano Annemarie Sand), Judith Weir's *Gentle Violence* and Elizabeth Maconchy's *Piccola Musica*.
ICA, The Mall, SW1 (071-930 6393), 8pm (pre-concert talk at 7.15pm).

GEORGES ROUAULT — THE EARLY YEARS: For those who associate Rouault mainly with the heavily black-outlined religious and circus pictures of his later years, these early works (1903-1920) will come as a surprise. Brothel scenes, grotesquely satirical images of law courts recalling Daumier, and brilliantly coloured Fauve landscapes were all part of his repertoire.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438). Daily 10am-6pm, until June 6. (Closed Good Friday.)

TREASURES OF THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: The RHS's collection is one of the great unseen resources of art in Britain, amounting to some 18,000 paintings and drawings in all. The first ever significant loan exhibition drawn from the collection comprises some 100 detailed studies.
Kew Gardens Gallery, Royal Botanical Gardens, Richmond (081-940 1171). Mon-Sat, 9.30am-6.30pm, Bank Holidays, 9.30am-8pm. Until May 31.

GEORGE VAN EPS: The jazz veteran plays his own design of seven-string guitar to produce some subtle music. He performs here, as he has on two CDs, with the young guitarist Howard Alden and his trio.
Pizza Express, Dean Street, W1 (071-437 9595), tonight, tomorrow, 7.45pm.

REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM: Soul diva Ruby Turner sings Gershwin and other standards.
Ronnie Scott's, Broad Street (021-643 4525), tonight-Fri, 8.30pm.

HIGH WYCOMBE: A new ballet by the Portuguese choreographer Olga Roriz is the high point of English National Ballet's national tour. The world premiere of *The Seven Silences of Salome* also marks Roriz's British choreographic debut. The work comes to London in July and will re-open the Savoy Theatre.
The Swan, St Mary Street (0494 512000), today, 2.30pm and 8pm.

OXFORD: The development of Peter the Great's new Russian capital must be among the best recorded of all the world's major cities. **Panoramic Views of St Petersburg** includes a series of panoramic prints, mostly officially commissioned, ranging in date from 1716 to 1835, which give a blow-by-blow account of the city's expansion. Particularly notable are the beautifully hand-coloured prints made by the Swede Benjamin Paterson, but there are many rare and beautiful items in the Ashmolean's collection, acquired mainly through the bequest of Gwenoch David Talbot.
Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street (0865 278000). Tues-Sat, 10am-4pm, Sun 2-4pm, until May 9. Closed Good Friday-Easter Sun. Open Easter Monday, 2-5pm.

SNAPE: An Easter festival includes the Britten-Pears Chamber Choir performing Britten's *Cantata Misericordium* as part of a mixed programme (today, 7.30pm); the Consort of Musicke with Emma Kirkby in a celebration of the Elizabethan Golden Age (tomorrow, 7.30pm); Scottish Early Music Consort perform medieval Easter dramas (Good Friday, 7.30pm); the Borodin String Quartet play quartets by Beethoven, and Schubert's *Death and the Maiden* (Easter Sunday, 7.30pm).
Snape Concert Hall, Snape, Suffolk (0728 453543).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **CHATSKY.** Colin Firth dishes out the spleen as the hero of Griboyedov's bitter comedy. Clever staging of Anthony Burgess's translation though the play hardly lives up to its Russian reputation as a major classic.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

◩ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in LA. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins

■ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*. Exceptional entertainment value.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC.** Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA:** Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins

☐ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON:** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins

◩ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST.** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

◩ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's thrilling Expressionist production of Priestley's soul-searcher.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.15pm. 115mins.

☐ **THE INVISIBLE MAN:** Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kiev's magic tricks are amazing.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins

◩ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN:** Tremendously glossy production of the *Kander & Ebb musical*, based on Manuel Puig's novel. A new cast takes over led by Bebe Neuwirth.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 75mins.

☐ **LOST IN YONKERS:** Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

◩ **MISERY:** Nonsensical but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **MURDER IS EASY:** But an antiquated Agatha Christie adaptation is hardly worth doing.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 140mins.

☐ **NO MAN'S LAND:** Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting stuff.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

◩ **ON THE PISTE:** John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

◩ **PLAYLAND:** Athol Fugard's two-hander: white man and black man, loitering outside a fairground, haul up their past and hint at the future. Builds to an eloquent climax.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 90mins.

☐ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT:** John Wells, William Gaunt, Richard Kane and Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's cunning adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

◩ **UNIDENTIFIED HUMAN REMAINS AND THE TRUE NATURE OF LOVE:** Sex, selfishness and serial murder: scorching production of Canadian Brad Fraser's passionate debut play.
Hampstead, Avenue Road, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins. Final week.

LONG RUNNERS: ◩ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ◩ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ■ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ◩ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ☐ **Hay Fever:** Albery (071-867 1115) ... ◩ **An Ideal Husband:** Globe (071-494 5065) ◩ **It Runs in the Family:** Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ■ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ◩ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◩ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ☐ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

Ticket information from SWET.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **JUNGLE BOOK** (U): Disney's most endearing cartoon of the Sixties: witty, tuneful, with a wonderful line-up of jungle characters inspired by Kipling.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD (18): Unnecessary remake of George Romero's shoestring classic of 1968. Tom Savini directs Tony Todd and Patricia Tallman.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031).

THE QUINCE TREE SUN (U): Spanish artist Antonio López strives to capture a quince tree on canvas. Victor Erice's magical meditation on art and nature.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

THE SILENT TOUCH (15): Music student Lothaire Bluteau helps rejuvenate crusty composer Max von Sydow. Fetching comic fable about music and love's regenerative powers from Krzysztof Zanussi.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

◆ **SPLITTING HEIRS** (12): Eric Idle seeks to retrieve his dukedom from American usurper Rick Moranis. Lamentable British comedy, with Barbara Hershey, Catherine Zita Jones. Director, Robert Young.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

USED PEOPLE (12): Will Jewish widower Shirley MacLaine accept Marcello Mastroianni's advances? Queasy comedy romance. Director, Beeban Kidron.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353).

CURRENT

CRUSH (15): Impressive, jolting New Zealand fable about sexual power games; a first feature from Alison Maclean. With Marcia Gay Harden, Donogh Rees, Caitlin Bossley.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Metro** (071-437 0757).

◆ **FOREVER YOUNG** (PG): Test pilot frozen for 50 years awakes and searches for true love. Endearing old-fashioned fantasy; with Mel Gibson, Jamie Lee Curtis. Director, Steve Miner.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **HOFFA** (15): A star turn by Jack Nicholson as a labour leader with mob connections, but a dull, David Mamet script. Director, Danny DeVito.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

INDOCHINE (12): Love in a hot colonial climate. A trite plot, but Catherine Deneuve and gorgeous images carry the day. Director, Régis Wargnier.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

◆ **MALCOLM X** (15): Spike Lee's ambitious epic. Denzel Washington is solid as the black activist, but prickly issues get sidestepped, and there is little cinematic fire.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

ORLANDO (PG): Virginia Woolf's exuberant novel about a free spirit (Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, changing sex en route; filmed with great aplomb by British director Sally Potter.
Gate (071-727 4043) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

◆ **SCENT OF A WOMAN** (15): A blind army veteran visits New York with a prep school pup. Far too long, with a barnstorming star (Al Pacino) and just a few spots of magic. With Chris O'Donnell, director, Martin Brest.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

WIND (PG): Carroll Ballard's visually luxurious but water-logged drama about the America's Cup race. With Matthew Modine, Jennifer Grey.
Plaza (071-437 1234/497 9999).

WITTGENSTEIN: Derek Jarman's jaunty portrait of philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein excites the eye and stimulates the intellect. With Karl Johnson, Tilda Swinton.
ICA (071-930 3647).

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** on an American play that seems a long way from home

Distant echoes from the South

From the Mississippi Delta
Cochrane, WC1



MARILYN KINGWILL

Three in one: Josette Bushell-Mingo (left), Pauline Black, Joy Richardson play aspects of the lead character

The place where a production is performed — town, street, theatre — matters more than we sometimes admit. I first saw this play in a shabby playhouse in central Detroit, a city more like wartorn Beirut than wartorn Beirut itself; and I would rate the experience as one of the most moving of my theatregoing life. All around were people whose parents or grandparents had come from the South in search of self-betterment and, as those burnt-out houses and tacky shops attested, not found it. No wonder Endesha Ida Mae Holland's semi-autobiographical tale of the Mississippi girl who battles her way to a university doctorate had weight and poignancy that are missing in central London.

But need those commodities prove as elusive as they do at the Talawa company's headquarters, the Cochrane? There is fun in the play, plenty of it. Annie Castledine and her three-woman cast are right both to emphasise the humour and to bring out the main character's derring-do and resilience. But they could do much more to acknowledge the pain and the struggle of life in a town where, as we are told at the start, a black man alleged to have whistled at a white woman has recently been thrown into the river to drown, his cut-off genitals in his mouth.

The protagonist, not named in the programme, is somewhat bewilderingly called Phelia during the play, only to sign herself off as Ida Mae Holland at the end. Each of the actresses — Pauline Black, Josette Bushell-Mingo, Joy Richardson — takes a turn at performing her, slipping into other roles when the occasion demands: a sonorous preacher, a macho drunk, or the eccentric Miss Rosebud Dupree, who sits on her porch with a pile of bricks beside her, ready to hurl them at anybody who treads too near the water-meter on the edge of her garden. If comedy is called for, the cast is well able to oblige.

We watch Phelia or Ida Mae becoming the local bad girl — stripping for voyeurs at a fair and conceiving a child by some unseen man — and then discovering a new identity and purpose when the civil rights marchers hit Mississippi. Her development can be sketchy and abrupt, especially in the play's later stages; but that does not altogether matter, since it is her mother, "Aunt Baby", who is in many ways the more interesting character. She is a midwife of great skill and, it seems, a person of astonishing generosity; and she comes to the most undeserving of ends, victim of arsonists who presumably find her dogged, unpretentious virtue a provocation.

To be fair, nobody in the audience laughed when she crawled across the stage, dying. But many did during the finest of several well-written scenes, a vivid description of a terrible birth over which she presided. In Detroit, we sat riveted and rapt. Here, those around me chuckled as the actresses brightly mimed the children watching the delivery through a window. What a difference place can make!

RADIO REVIEW

Hopeful travellers, journeyman class

The new **Journal of a Tour to the Hebrides** (Radio 4, Tuesdays) got off to a bad start. This series is not about Johnson's and Boswell's famous trip in 1773, which both of them wrote about, but an attempt by Martyn Wiley and Ian McMillan to follow in their footsteps.

Unfortunately the two modern travellers do not display either the gravitas or the wit of their great predecessors. J. and B. visited writers; W. and M. spent their first morning in Inverness in a bookshop looking for copies of their own books. Their first morning in Skye was a unconvincing bit of slapstick about the difficulty of riding bicycles.

Their ideas also seemed to be in a state of some confusion. A boarding-house keeper told them that the Scots were at last being taught their own history, not European history, and this led our pair to comment on the greater cosmopolitanism of Scotland nowadays. Johnson was repeatedly referred to, but in very bizarre ways — there was a blackbird in the boarding-house garden in Inverness "with a chest like Dr Johnson's". On *Desert Island Discs* on Sunday, the scientist Richard Gregory played a strange piece of laboratory music which, as he put it, "keeps going up without getting anywhere". I hope this will not apply to W. and M. in the Hebrides.

The writings of another traveller are being read sympathetically by Judi Dench on Radio 3 this week in **A Pilgrimage to Jerusalem** (Monday to Thursday). They are the work of a fourth-century Spanish nun, Egeria, who went to see the Holy Week celebrations in Jerusalem at that period when the Emperor Constantine had just had Christ's sepulchre dug out, and had built new churches there.

Egeria gives a clear if rather plain account of the piety and practices of the ardent Christian community, but inserts a few stories such as that of the man who bit off a piece of the True Cross and stole it when he was supposed to be kissing it on Good Friday. Another 18th-century English writer would not have been surprised. Gibbon, describing precisely the same period in his *Decline and Fall*, says that the presence of the holy relics in Jerusalem might have been expected to have a salutary effect on the morals of its citizens, "but every species of vice — adultery, theft, idolatry, poisoning, murder — was familiar to the inhabitants of the Holy City".

These vices are also very familiar to followers of *Saturday Night Theatre*, which celebrated 50 years of life on Radio 4 last Saturday. It began in the dark days of 1943 as "popular entertainment for Mr and Mrs Everyman", in the words of Val Gielgud, then director of radio drama. The first play, *The Man With No Face*, based on a Dorothy Sayers story, drew an audience of five million. Many more thrillers followed, including adaptations from Edgar Wallace and Peter Cheney, and by the end of the war the series was regularly drawing 11 million listeners.

Now the average audience is a quarter of a million. But the standard of performance remains very high. On Saturday, the play was once more a thriller — an Agatha Christie, **The Pale Horse**. It had a large cast, but the dramatic adaptation by Michael Bakewell made every character distinct and every twist of the plot crystal-clear (poisoning was this week's vice), without falling into heavy-handedness or loss of tension. That dear old couple may have changed their name from Mr and Mrs Everyman to Mr and Mrs Exception, but they are not being let down.

DERWENT MAY

TELEVISION REVIEW: **Daniel Johnson** is not impressed by some historical revisionism

Betraying our expectations of good faith

Last year the Jewish biblical scholar, Hyam Maccoby, published a history of the Judas tradition, *Judas Iscariot and the Myth of Jewish Evil*. He argued that Judas Iscariot (whom Maccoby identifies with the apostle Jude) never betrayed Jesus, and was turned into a vehicle for anti-Semitism by the man Maccoby considers the real founder of Christianity: St Paul.

Enoch Powell, who is translating the New Testament, reviewed the book at length for *The Times*, but was not convinced. Still, Maccoby's polemics against Christianity are serious and sincere.

I wish that the same could be said for last night's programme in the series *Without Walls*, which owed most of its ideas to Maccoby. Howard Jacobson's **Sorry, Judas** (Channel 4) featured a panel discussion on a set intended to resemble the Last Supper, Jacobson himself dressed up as Judas, and a good deal of self-indulgent nonsense of a more or less blasphemous nature.

The timing of this rather unfunny confection in Holy Week was, of course, calculated to offend practising Christians. However, many Jewish viewers may also have felt uncomfortable during the scenes in which Jacobson wallowed in anti-Semitic phraseology and imagery, interspersed with parodies of Christian ritual, culminating in a mock-canonisation of Judas. Jacobson's irony will have been lost on anti-Semites, who derive an obscene pleasure from such stereotypes; and I do not think Channel 4 should have allowed the juxtaposition of images of murdered Jewish victims of the Nazis with Jacobson's frivolous and unnecessarily offensive commentary. Jacobson is not the first novelist to appropriate the Holocaust for his own polemical purposes; but that does not make the spectacle any less unedifying. I would mind less if he were not, in fact, often rather a good writer.

As for the panel: I wonder whether its more learned participants were fully aware that their discussion, quite apart from its gimmicky setting, would be placed in the context of a Jacobson extravaganza? Less serious media preachers, such as Lionel Blue or David Jenkins, may not have cared about the fact that they were helping to trivialise such a serious subject.

I was surprised that proper scholars such as Maccoby himself, Rabbi Albert Friedlander, Bishop Hugh Montefiore and Karen Armstrong gave their blessings to this tasteless travesty. Judas is indeed a disturbing presence in the common heritage of Christians and Jews: but his true meaning will not reveal itself to those who scoff and jeer.

Sorry, Judas is all too typical of present fashions in religious broadcasting. It is almost inconceivable that such a programme could be shown about Islam or Judaism — and rightly so. Though critical in tone, Jacobson's recent book *Roots Schmoots*, accompanied by a television series, treated the beliefs of other Jews with a fair degree of respect.

Those who wish to ignore the sensibilities of Muslims are deterred by the plight of Salman Rushdie, whose *Satanic Verses* treated Muhammad far more politely than Jacobson does Jesus. Only Christians are expected not to mind when things that they hold sacred are ridiculed on television during the most solemn week in their calendar.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CINEMAS

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St, off Charing Cross Rd, 071 867 1044 HOWARDS END (PG) Progs at 2.30, 5.15 & 8.05 Winner of 3 Oscars including Best Actress Emma Thompson & Winner Best Film BAFTA Awards 1993.

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Ave W1 071 439 4805 Catherine Deneuve in INDOCHINE (12) Progs at 1.20, 4.30 & 7.45 Academy Award Winner Best Foreign Language Film

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St. 071 465 8865 Max Von Sydow, Sarah Miles in THE SILENT TOUCH (15) Progs 1.45 (not Sun), 4.00, 6.15 & 8.30

To place your ENTERTAINMENT advert in THE TIMES
TRADE 071-481 1920
FAX 071-481 9313
TELEX 925088
PRIVATE 071-481 4000

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM 836 3161 cc 240 5258 cc (24 hr) 240 7200 /344 4444
ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA
Ton't 7.30 THE DUEL OF TANCREDI AND CLORINDA / BLUEBEARD'S CASTLE
Tomor 7.30 THE MIKADO

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 071 240 1066/1911. Standby info 836 6903. S CC 65 amphi seats avail on the day
THE ROYAL BALLET
Ton't 7.30 Don Quixote.
THE ROYAL OPERA
Tomor 7.30 Fellows at Melisande.

SADLER'S WELLS 071-278 8916 First Call 24 hrs 7 days 240 7200 15 - 17 April ABC DANCE COMPANY Eves 7.30

THEATRES

ADELPHI
Andrew Lloyd Webber's New Musical
SUNSET BOULEVARD
OPENS 29th JUNE
Now bkg for performances from 1st July
24HR CREDIT CARD BKGS CALL 071 344 0055 (with bkg fee) GROUP BOOKING 071 413 3302 (with bkg fee)
In view of extensive refurbishment work at the Adelphi Theatre a temporary box office facility is now available for personal callers at the Palace Theatre (Shaftesbury Ave, side) Open 10am-8pm Mon-Sat

ALBERY 071-867 1115/867 1111 cc 071 344 4444 (No Fee) Groups 930 6123/413 3321
MARIA AITKEN JOHN STANDING
in NOEL COWARD'S
HAY FEVER
"ONE OF THE FINEST PRODUCTIONS OF THE YEAR... A COMIC MASTERPIECE" D Tel
Eves 8pm Thu & Sat mats 3pm

ALDWYCH BO/CC 071 836 6404 CC 497 9977 (24hr/with bkg fee)
"AN ALMOST UNBEARABLE JOY" Daily Mail
MAGGIE SMITH
ALEX JENNINGS RICHARD E. GRANT
SUSANNAH HARKER CLAIRE SKINNER
RICHARD PEARSON
MARGARET TYZACK
THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST
by OSCAR WILDE
Dir by NICHOLAS HYTNER
Mon-Sat 7.30 Mat Wed+Sat 2.30
"A PERFECT EVENING" FT

CALL 071-481 1920
To place your entertainment advert in THE TIMES

APOLLO VICTORIA SS cc 630 6262 Groups 828 6188 cc 24hr 071 344 4444/497 9977 071 379 9901 Groups 930 6123
"Andrew Lloyd Webber's New production of
STARLIGHT EXPRESS
"A REBORN THEATRICAL DELIGHT" Daily Mail
White knuckle runs 19.45 daily Tue & Sat 15.00
EXTRA MATS THU 8 & 15 APRIL
Tickets from £9.00 - £28.00

APOLLO BO/CC 071 494 5070/071 344 4444/497 9977
Penelope Wilton
Linus Roache Nicholas Jones
THE DEEP BLUE SEA
by TERENCE RATTIGAN
KAREL REISZ'S masterly production is a REVELATION S. Times
"An overwhelming dramatic experience" D. Tel
Eves 7.45 Mat Wed 3, Sat 4 & 8

COMEDY BO/CC 071 867 1045/071 344 4444/497 9977
BEST REVIVAL
BEST ACTOR
Nomination 1993 Olivier Awards
Paul Eddington Harold Pinter
NO MAN'S LAND
by Harold Pinter
"This production is A MAJOR EVENT: No one should miss it. If you've seen it, SEE IT AGAIN" Sun Times
Eves 8 Mats Thu 3 Sat 5

CRITERION BO/cc 839 4488 (cc 24hr no fee) 344 4444/(cc with fee) 071-497 9977 Grps 930 6123
JULIE T WALLACE NIGEL LE VAILLANT
MISERY
Based on Stephen King's novel Written & dir. by Simon Moore
"Gripping Stuff" "If You Can Take It" S. Tel
Eves 8, Wed Mat 3, Sat Mat 4
Mat Today & Mon Eves Top Seats only £12.50
No Performance 12 April

DOMINION CC HOTLINE 071 413 1411 (24hr) Information 071 580 8845/9562
GREASE
Starring CRAIG McLACHLAN
Previews 5 July Opens 15 July

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL cc (Bkg fee) 24hr 7 days 071 494 5001/344 4444/240 7200/379 9901 Grps 831 8625/494 5454
MISS SAIGON
"THE CLASSIC LOVE STORY OF OUR TIME"
NOW IN ITS 4TH SENSATIONAL YEAR
Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3pm
Good seats avail for Wed Mat
& some perfs apply B.O.
FOR TELEPHONE POSTAL BOOKINGS/PERSONAL CALLERS 071 494 5060 BKG FEE

DUCHESS cc 071 494 5070 cc 344 4444 (no bkg fee)/836 2428 (bkg fee) Groups 071-413 3321
Eves 8pm, Wed mat 3pm, Sat 5pm & 8.30
NOW IN ITS 3RD YEAR
"A SAUCY COMEDY" E. Std
DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER
"Gloriously Outrageous" T.Out

DUKE OF YORKS 071 836 5122 cc 836 9837/497 9977/071 344 4444 Grps 930 6123
NIGEL DAVENPORT
PETER CAPALDI
CHARLOTTE ATTENBOROUGH
"Clive Exton's clever version maintains the suspense... a master of the craft" F.T
The Stage Premiere of AGATHA CHRISTIE'S
MURDER IS EASY
"Enough red herrings to feed the five thousand" D. Mail
Eves 8.00 Mats Thu & Sat 3.00
LAST WEEK ENDS SATURDAY

DUKE OF YORK'S 071 836 5122 cc 836 9837 24hrs/no bkg fee 071 497 9977/344 4444
ALL SEATS £10!
For previews 20 April - 4 May
ARTHUR MILLER'S
"miniature masterpiece" MoS
THE LAST YANKEE
"His best play for a decade" IoS
Direct from a sell-out Young Vic season

FORTUNE BO & CC 836 2238 CC 344 4444/497 9977/379 9901 (24hr/bkg fee) Grp 413 3321
Susan Hill's
THE WOMAN IN BLACK
Adapted by Stephen Mallatratt
"A BRILLIANTLY EFFECTIVE SPINE CHILLER" Guardian
"A REAL THRILL" S. Times
"Take tranquillisers" T. Out
Mon-Sat 8pm Mats Tue 3 Sat 4
NOW BOOKING TO JUNE

GARRICK BO/CC 494 5085/497 9977 (no fee) 071 344 4444 (fee)
BEST COMEDY
Nomination 1993 Olivier Award
"The outstanding comedy hit of the season" S. Exp.
PAUL BOWN IVAN KAYE
JOHN GODBER'S
ON THE PISTE
"HYSTERICALLY FUNNY" Today
Mon-Sat 8 mats Thu 3 Sat 4

GLOBE BO/CC 071 494 5067 (bkg fee)071 344 4444/497 9977
"Peter Hall's haunting and revelatory production" E Std
Anna Carteret Michael Denison
Hannah Gordon Dulcie Gray
Martin Shaw David Yelland
OSCAR WILDE'S
AN IDEAL HUSBAND
"A triumph... audiences are advised to beat a path to the Globe" S. Times
Eves 7.45 Mats Thu 3, Sat 4

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL 071 930 8800 (inc cc no bkg fee) 071 344 4444 (with bkg fee).
ROBERT LINDSAY
"SUPERB" D Exp
"A SHINING STAR" Indy
as
CYRANO DE BERGERAC
"SPECTACULAR, SWASHBUCKLING... Marvellously Passionate" D Tel
adapted by JOHN WELLS
Directed by ELIJAH MOSHINSKY
Eves 7.30 Wed & Sat Mats 2.30

HER MAJESTY'S 24hr 494 5400 (bkg fee) CC 344 4444/497 9977 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL
THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
Directed by HAROLD PRINCE
Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3
NOW BOOKING TO MARCH 1994
APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS

LON. PALLADIUM 24hr Bo cc Ex per Tkt Svce chg 071 494 5020 497 9977/071 344 4444 Groups 494 5456
Andrew Lloyd Webber's "exuberant new production" Std of "The Rice & Andrew Lloyd Webber's Palladium Blockbuster" Obs
JOSEPH & THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT
Starring PHILLIP SCHOFIELD
Dir by STEVEN PIMLOTT
Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 2.30
NOW BOOKING TO OCT 2
For 3 weeks from 3rd May Phillip Schofield will not be performing
QUEUE DAILY FOR RETURNS

LYRIC, Shafts Ave Bo & cc 071 494 5045 cc 071 344 4444 All tel Bkgs 24hr/7 days (bkg fee). cc 497 9977 Grps 071 930 6123
The Joint Never Stops Jumpin
FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE
THE OLIVIER AWARD WINNING MUSICAL
2ND GREAT YEAR
Mon-Thu 8 Fri & Sat at 6 & 8.45
BOOKING UNTIL END APR '95

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 081 741 2311 cc (24hrs/no bkg fee) 071 836 3464 BLOOD WEDDING by Lorca, adapted by Nigel Jamieson. "MAGNIFICENT... inspired use of flamenco" E. Std. Eves 7.45, Sat mat 2.30 STUDIO 081 741 8701 Final week LETTERS HOME, A Life of Sylvia Plath by Rose Leiman Goldemberg. Eves 8, Sat mat 4.30

NATIONAL THEATRE BO 071 928 2252 Grps 071 620 0741; 24hr cc bkg fee 071 497 9977
OLIVIER
Ton't 7.15 AN INSPECTOR CALLS J.B. Priestley Tomor 7.15 TRELAWNY OF THE "WELLS" Arthur Wing Pinero
LYTTELTON
Ton't & Tomor 7.30 (PREVIEWS) ARCADIA Tom Stoppard
COTTESLOE
Tomor 4.00 THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW Rod Adam (Trans Neil Clark) Ton't & Tomor 7.00 MR A's AMAZING MAZE PLAYS Alan Ayckbourn

NEW LONDON Drury Lane BO 071 405 0072 CC 071 404 4079 24hr 344 4444. Groups 930 6123 Tkts from: Tower Records Ldn.
THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER /T.S. ELIOT INTERNATIONAL AWARD-WINNING MUSICAL
CATS
Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.00
SPECIAL SIGNED PERF FOR THE DEAF SAT 17 APRIL AT 3PM
LATECOMERS NOT ADMITTED WHILE AUDITORIUM IS IN MOTION, PLEASE BE PROMPT.
Bars open at 6.45
LIMITED NO. OF SEATS AVAIL DAILY FROM BOX OFFICE

OLD VIC 071 928 7616 344 4444 Gps 071 413 3321
Sylvia Syms in
FOR SERVICES RENDERED
by W. Somerset Maugham
"A strong eloquent cast" S. Times
"Maugham's great 1932 play—sharply rendered" Observer
FROM 16 APRIL

PALACE THEATRE 071-434 0909 cc 24hrs (bkg fee) 071-344 4444/497 9977/071 793 1000 Group Sales 071 930 6123 Groups 071 494 1671
THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR MUSICAL
LES MISERABLES
Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30
Latecomers not admitted until the interval
LIMITED NO. OF SEATS AVAIL. DAILY FROM BOX OFFICE

PHOENIX BO/CC 867 1044 867 1111/344 4444 (fee) 497 9977
BEST MUSICAL
ALL 4 MAJOR AWARDS 1991
BARBARA DICKSON in
WILLY RUSSELL'S
BLOOD BROTHERS
"ASTONISHING" S Express
"...brings the audience to its feet, and roaring its approval" D Mail
Eves 7.45 Mats Thurs 3 Sat 4

PICCADILLY BO/CC 867 1118 /071 344 4444/497 9977 Tue-Sat 7.30 Mats Wed Sat Sun 3 Season Extended Thru Easter
'A fantastic new musical' C.Radio
"A HIT - Full of heart" FT
ROBIN
PRINCE OF SHERWOOD
"Popular theatre at popular prices" Sunday Times
KIDS ALL SEATS £5!

PLAYHOUSE 071-839 4401 Fax 839 8142 cc no fee 497 9977/344 4444 Grps 930 6123
"A ROLLS-ROYCE OF A FARCE" D.Telegraph
IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY
The new smash hit comedy by RAY COONEY
"My glasses steamed up with laughter" D. Exp
Tickets £5 - £18.50
Some Good Seats Avail Monday - Thursday
MON-FRI 8, SAT 5.30 & 8.30
Red. Price MATINEE THUR 3PM
Facilities for disabled
Easy Parking, In-House Restaurant Eat before or after the show
Combined Top-Price Ticket & Dinner £25

PRINCE OF WALES 071 839 5972 cc (24hr/no bkg fee) 836 3464 /344 4444 Gps 071 413 3321
"The wittiest musical for years" Obs
"The most brilliantly inventive musical London has seen in years. A musical comedy made in heaven" Times
CITY OF ANGELS
A New Musical by
Larry Gelbart Cy Coleman David Zippel
Directed by Michael Blakemore
"Whatever you do, don't miss out" D. Mail
Mon-Sat 7.30 Mat Wed & Sa 2.30
SOME TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE THIS WEEK

PRINCE EDWARD 071 734 8951 cc (24hr no bkg fee) 836 3464 / 071 344 4444 Groups 930 6123.
THE NEW GERSHWIN MUSICAL COMEDY
CRAZY FOR YOU
"PUTS THE BRIGHT LIGHTS BACK IN THE WEST END IN DAZZLING STYLE" Mail on Sun
Eves 7.45 Mats Thu & Sat 3.00

ROYAL COURT 071 730 1745 /2554 cc 836 2428 (24hrs) 836 5122. From 15 April THE TREATMENT. Eves 8

CALL 071-481 1920
To place your entertainment advert in THE TIMES

SHAFTESBURY CC 344 4444 (24hrs) BO & CC 379 5399 Gps 379 6816/413 3321 No bkg fees
BEST MUSICAL
Evening Standard Awards 1992
KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN
Nominated for 8 LAURENCE OLIVIER AWARDS
Including BEST MUSICAL
starring Bebe Neuwirth
Jeff Hyslop, Charles Pistone & Clinton Peters
Directed by Harold Prince
Eves 8pm Mats Wed & Sat 3pm
N.C.P. PARKING, Show/hotel deals on 081 428 6666

ST MARTIN'S 071-836 1443. Special CC No. 344 4444. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45, Sat 5.0 and 8.0
41st Year of Agatha Christie's
THE MOUSETRAP

STRAND BO/CC 071 930 8800 (no bkg fee) cc 344 4444 (bkg fee)
Rosemary Harris nominated Best Supporting Actress Olivier Awards 1993
MAUREEN LIPMAN ROSEMARY HARRIS
'A MAGIC COMBINATION' D.Mail
in
NEIL SIMON'S
LOST IN YONKERS
Nominated Best Comedy Olivier Awards 1993
Directed by DAVID TAYLOR
"Fatefully funny, readily sad... UNIVERSAL APPEAL" D. Exp
Mon-Sat 7.30 Mat Wed+Sat 2.30

STRAND BO 071 930 8800 24hr CC 071-344 4444 (no bkg fee) Grps 071 413 3321/831 2771
A New Musical
LEONARDO
A PORTRAIT OF LOVE
Directed by Rob Bettinson
From 26 May

VAUDEVILLE 836 9987/071 344 4444 Grps 930 6123/413 3321
Best Entertainment OLIVIER AWARD NOMINATION
THE INVISIBLE MAN
"THE BEST FUN TO BE HAD IN THE WEST END" D. Mail
Eves 7.30, Mats Wed & Sat 3
SEATS FROM £5.00

VICTORIA PALACE Box Off & cc (No bkg fee) 071 834 1317 CC (bkg fee)071-344 4444/240 7200 Groups 071 930 6123
BUDDY
The Buddy Holly Story
"BRILLIANT" Sun
BUDDY
"WONDERFUL STUFF" Sun Tel
BUDDY
Mon-Thur 8.00 Fri 5.30 & 8.30 Sat 5.00 & 8.30.
ALL SEATS ½ PRICE FRIDAY 5.30 PERF
4th SENSATIONAL YEAR
OVER 1350 PERFORMANCES
BOOKING THROUGH 1993

WHITEHALL BO/CC 867 1119 /1111 071 344 4444/497 9977
Nomination 1993 Olivier Awards
BEST ENTERTAINMENT
John Wells
William Gaunt Richard Kane
TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT
"GILES HAVERGAL'S brilliant adaptation of GRAHAM GREENE'S funniest novel" Obs.
Mon-Fri 8 Wed 3 Sat 5 & 8.15

WYNDHAMS BO/CC 867 1116 /071 344 4444/071 497 9977
Nomination 1993 Olivier Award
BEST NEW PLAY
BEST ACTRESS
JUDI DENCH
JUDI DENCH MICHAEL PENNINGTON
The acclaimed RSC Production of "PETER SHAFFER'S brilliant new play" S. Times
THE GIFT OF THE GORGON
Directed by PETER HALL
Mon-Sat 7.45 Mat Sat 3

YOUNG VIC 928 6363cc344 4444 no fee. Arthur Miller's THE LAST YANKEE 'A miniature masterpiece' Mail OS Ends 17/4 Transfers see Duke of Yorks. Frm 22/4 James Willy The Trial

To place your ENTERTAINMENT advert in
THE TIMES
TRADE 071-481 1920
FAX 071-481 9313
TELEX 925088
PRIVATE 071-481 4000

| صكنا من الأصل |



Gourmet fare to suit all tastes

Urban renewal and a wealth of exhibitions mark Antwerp's year as European City of Culture 1993. **John Russell Taylor** reports

Even at first glance, Antwerp is a city of food and a city of art. Gourmets would not be surprised at the phenomenal number of restaurants and cafés all over the centre: even the French have been known to come to Brussels and Antwerp to eat. But art lovers may be surprised to find just how many art galleries and print shops are nestling among the eating places. An amazing number, if one were to regard Antwerp as just another provincial town. But not, needless to say, so astonishing when one sees it as the new Cultural Capital of Europe.

That is what Antwerp now is. Its inauguration in this new role has been accomplished with a considerable flourish: the King of the Belgians there to proclaim it, the King of Spain there to hand over officially from Madrid the Olympic Torch of Culture. The day was rounded off by an inaugural concert in the newly restored and beautified *Bourla Theatre*, a monument to the splendours of early 19th-century theatre design by the French architect Pierre Bourla, opened in 1834, just three years after Belgian independence, with a performance of Boildieu's *La Dame Blanche*.

> 'All over the city there is evidence of energetic cleaning and sprucing'

The theatre is now to be the centre of Antwerp's theatrical activity during the culture year, starting enterprisingly with *Sarajevo*, a new theatrical event conceived and directed by Haris Pasovic which aims to evoke all cities through the history and mythology of one, and incidentally prove that all the warring factions of ex-Yugoslavia can work in harmony, at least on stage.

The Bourla is only the most spectacular piece of architectural reinstatement in Antwerp. All over there is evidence of cleaning and sprucing. Municipal enterprise seemed to have encouraged a lot of individual enterprise: the famous Art Nouveau area of Cogels-Osylei, with its amazing succession of palatial private residences in a wild variety of fanciful styles calculated to appeal to the rich and more or less adventurous around 1900, has been completely clawed back from dilapidation in the past ten years and now gleams comfortingly at visitors approaching the centre from Antwerp's still tiny (but also neatly face-lifted) airport.

In fact so much washing of facades has been going on in the last year that it is often quite difficult to distinguish with certainty the original 16th-century buildings around the Grote Markt and the resplendent Renaissance Stadhuis, designed in 1561, from enthusiastic modern pastiches. For the opening the whole area was bedecked with flags of the nations and the distinctive red-and-black logo for Antwerpen 93, but no doubt things will soon quieten down and the city will return to its more normal state, when in many quiet streets one can still get something of the sleepy splendour Dürer recorded when he settled in Antwerp for a year in 1520.

Dürer was probably Antwerp's most distinguished artist-transient. But there are artists who enjoyed a longer and closer association with the city, and to one of them goes the honour of the opening exhibition at the Royal Museum of Fine Arts — which has also been retrieved from encroaching grass between the paving stones.

The choice might have been Rubens, who came of an Antwerp family and lived much of his life there. It might have been a later native like Henry van de Velde, were he not currently being feted in a touring show now at the Bauhaus-Archiv in Berlin and due to arrive in nearby Ghent in May. But finally the choice has fallen elsewhere: on a painter who was born in Antwerp and seldom wandered very far from home throughout his long life, Jacob Jordaens.

In some ways, Jordaens is a sensible choice. There has not been a major Jordaens show in Europe for a very long time, and nothing ever on the scale of this mammoth exhibition: 93 paintings, seven of the eight Riding School tapestries, and 99 drawings and prints. Also, Jordaens remains rather an unknown quantity among old masters, his place in the hierarchy undetermined. He usually crops up as an awkward appendage in shows on the Age of Rubens, which is reasonable enough, since he worked for years as Rubens's principal assistant and was regarded, on Rubens's death in 1640, as the natural successor to complete all the works Rubens had in hand for major Spanish commissions. Has he been on this account unfairly overshadowed? The only way to find out is through a show like this, and where else should it take place than in his native Antwerp?

That said, it must be admitted that the overall result is far from reassuring. While sometimes a very extensive showing of a little-known master pulls together our understanding and reveals an unsuspected consistency and progression in the work, there is also always the risk that we shall come out of the show with our ideas hardened for the worse, able at last to see all the faults writ large.

That seems to be the case with Jordaens. He must have been an amazingly slow learner: for all his time spent in the workshops of Rubens, a virtuoso draughtsman and master of intricate composition if ever there was one, Jordaens's drawing remains fumbling, his grasp of anatomy signally lacking. It is not for nothing that in all his most successful paintings the figures are elaborately clothed.

Most things about Jordaens's paintings are coarse. The sense of humour, which delights in characters spewing at the spectator and babies having their bottoms wiped, is normal for the era and quite as acceptable as Donald McGill postcards.

It is a different kind of coarseness that worries. The sense of colour has an almost Pop Art luridness, and the more complicated compositions, whether classical myth or contemporary genre, have a collage-like fixity, leaving one never quite sure what is in front of what, and with no feeling that all these people and animals were ever in the same place at the same time, intimately inter-related one with another. The rolls of bright pink fat which garland all his nudes, whether goddesses of love or holy children, would be distressing enough if believable, but are even more worrying as a seemingly arbitrary decoration.

Then there are the glaring troubles with anatomy. For the first half of his career at least, from, say, 1615 to 1645, Jordaens seems to be constitutionally incapable of placing a head believably on a body without some ineffectually concealed hump or goitre to bridge the gap. His babies have the proportions and facial expressions of a Velázquez dwarf. He cannot allow a limb to hide for a moment or two from the spectator without its wandering off in some physically impossible direction or elongating itself like an instant rubbery extension to the creature in *Alien*.

Admittedly, even slow learners learn eventually, and by the 1640s, when Jordaens was in his fifties, he begins to get the hang of things. The Riding School tapestries, designed around 1645 and (the set exhibited) bought by the Emperor Leopold in 1666 probably to celebrate his marriage, are in their way splendid, and the later paintings are decidedly more coherent than the earlier.

Occasionally, as in *Bacchus and Ariadne*, Jordaens's touch softens into something approaching lyricism. Sometimes, as in *Psyche Received by the Gods*, he carries off a challenge to perspective virtuosity in fine style. At the very least, the show tells you all you ever wanted to know about Jordaens but were, perhaps wisely, afraid to ask.

Later in the year Rubens himself will get a look-in, though mainly as reflected in the work of his pupils and assistants in "Rubens Cantoor", which will open in the Rubenshuis in May, and other figures from Antwerp's 16th-17th century golden age, such as Quinten Metsys and Joos van Cleve, will be featured in "Antwerp: Story of a Metropolis", at the Hessenhuis in June.

Already the riches of golden age botanical illustration are being explored at the Plantin-Moretus Museum, and contemporary art starts filtering in with the next show at the Royal Museum, "The Sublime Void" (which is said to be about "the memory of the imagination" in recent art), opening on July 25.

Right at the end of the year, the Royal Museum will get back to Antwerp's secondary golden age, or diamond age, with a show of 19th-century art in the city. Less than Madrid, more than Dublin, it still makes a visit to Europe's new cultural capital a thoroughly tempting prospect.

● Jacob Jordaens *is at the Koninklijk Museum voor Schone Kunsten, Leopold de Waelplaats, Antwerp (3-226 9300) daily from 10am-5pm (Wed to 9pm) until June 27*



The Adoration of the Magi by Jacob Jordaens, from the major exhibition in Antwerp: "Most things about his paintings are coarse"

CONCERT

Voices raised in hope

"Music for Life"
Carnegie Hall, New York

In America it has almost become a commonplace to complain that the classical music community is not "doing enough" about Aids. But last month some of the brightest stars of the American music scene gathered together for a benefit concert that was more than a mere gesture.

Indeed, the "Music for Life" concert, in aid of the Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC), the leading American Aids charity, might serve as a model for such events. Glitz, egos and speechifying were all kept to a minimum; and while there was a great deal of emotion in the air at Carnegie Hall, as might be expected, there was also some good music.

James Levine presided over an orchestra dominated by his own musicians from the pit of the Metropolitan Opera but also including a substantial number of players from the city's other professional orchestras.

Kurt Masur flew in for the occasion to conduct the *Leonora* Overture No 3. The rest of the programme was conducted by Levine. It struck a good balance between the poignantly apt — Manon's gavotte ("Profitons bien de la jeunesse"), sung with lilting spirit and mushy diction by Kathleen Battle, and Strauss's "September", performed by Jessye Norman — and divertissements such as Wieniawski's Polonaise in D, delightfully played by Midori, which prevented the evening from becoming maudlin.

One of the more unusual contributions was Thomas Hampson's choice of the "Tanzlied des Pierrot" from *Die tote Stadt*. Hampson sang affectingly, but in a set of American songs on the second half of the programme he lapsed into his wonted fussiness and bluster. The only moment of questionable taste was the programming of the saccharine slow movement from Samuel Barber's piano concerto, performed by Hampson's accompanist, John Browning. Pinchas Zukerman played Dvořák's Romance in F Minor with melting sweetness and a welcome plain-spoken style, but it contributed to the impression that the evening was perhaps a trifle overlong.

Although this was a night of stars, and thus presumably without a star, there was little doubt that Jessye Norman's performance of the "Liebestod", the finale, was its emotional high point. It may not have been great Wagner, but it was great theatre, producing at its climax a palpable, electric thrill through the audience.

Yet the evening's real high had already been reached, when Jeff Soref, president of the GMHC, announced that the event had raised $1.7 million.

JAMIE JAMES

CONCERT: **Richard Morrison** on the versatile Dudley Moore

Dud notes, great jokes

I confess to a twinge of apprehension as Dudley Moore approached the soloist's stool for Mozart's Piano Concerto in C, K467. He was my boyhood hero, but not for playing Mozart. The realisation that none of those on the platform with him — the London Schools Symphony Orchestra — could have been born until at least ten years after the heyday of *Beyond the Fringe* was not exactly comforting either.

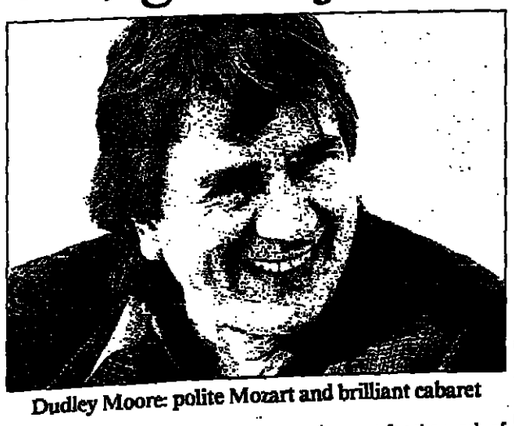
Apprehension unnecessary. If Moore's Mozart had a fault it was over-politeness: a lack of vim and vigour. But the passagework was generally fine and the cadenzas incurably anachronistic but good fun. Then, having shed his black tux in favour of a smoocier velvet maroon number, Moore went on to give a pirited performance of *Rhapsdy in Blue*. One or two of Gerhwin's more flamboyant spints may have eluded the grap of the former Oxford organ scholar, but he brazened them out well.

But most of this capacity Festiva Hall audience probably came to hear what followed: the cabaret. Moore accompanied himself in a bizarre but brilliant series of pastiche vocal items: a fantasy on music hall songs by "Chopin"; a hey-nonny-no style "madrial" delivered in a fetching counter-tenor; mock-Fauré followed by a "Schubert" duet, "Die Flabberghast" (Moore taking both soprano and bass roles); and finally Beethoven's little-known variations on *Colonel Bogey*, complete with the mother of all protracted Beethoven endings. Moore has lost neither comic timing nor charm. He has, of course, lost Peter Cook. But some may not consider that a misfortune.

What brought about this strange meeting between Sixties comic and Nineties youth orchestra? The answer is charity. Sponsored by London Electricity, this concert raised money for the Centre for Young Musicians and for Action Research.

The LSSO is itself the best advertisement for the work of the centre. Conducted by the redoubtable Meredith Davies, the concert had opened with Debussy's Three Nocturnes. It revealed some intonation flaws, but also a well-disciplined ensemble and a string tone which often verged on the voluptuous. Of course, these same violins then made a slight hash of the piano concerto's opening: a little Mozart tune in C major. Too easy! But there were some terrifically stylish clarinet and trombone solos in the Gershwin.

All in all, a fine demonstration of the quality of youth orchestra training in Britain. What a crime if the infrastructure that supports it is destroyed, as seems possible.



Dudley Moore: polite Mozart and brilliant cabaret

SPECTACULAR works of art have been specially commissioned for the new Tate Gallery St Ives, which will be opened by the Prince of Wales on June 23. A colossal, brilliantly coloured stained-glass window by Patrick Heron, designed free of charge, will dominate the entrance area of the £3.3m building. Another senior Cornish artist, Terry Frost, is making an eight-metre-long painted hanging for the main stairwell. And Alison Wilding, shortlisted for last year's Turner Prize, will be the first artist invited by Tate *St Ives to produce a new* sculpture in response to the building, its collections and setting.

There is one ingenious link with the past. Trevor Vance, a first year student at Falmouth School of Art, is also producing a sculpture for the gallery, made from a large steel section of the gasholder which formerly stood on the site.

● A NEW series of recordings of music banned by the Nazis has led to questions over postwar attitudes to composers exiled from Germany in the 1930s. Decca has launched a six-year programme called "Entartete Musik", or "degenerate music", the name given by the Nazis to music they disapproved of.

But at its launch in Berlin, the composer Berthold Goldschmidt claimed postwar Germany had chosen to ignore the exiled composers. Goldschmidt, now 90, fled *Germany for England* in 1935. His opera, *Der gewaltige Hahnrei* (The Mighty Cuckold), was not performed for 60 years until Decca included it in "Entartete Musik". The American conductor John Mauceri told the launch that many of the banned composers had been "victims twice over, first of the Nazis and later of the postwar musical establishment".

Scene is set in St Ives

ARTS BRIEFING

The first two recordings in the series are Korngold's *Das Wunder der Heliane* (banned because Korngold was Jewish) and Krenek's *Jonny spielt auf* (banned because of its jazz influences).

Nightingale sings

THE Welsh tenor Denis O'Neill and American soprano June Anderson are currently filming in a deserted theatre in Wales. They are making the story of the (adopted) Welsh nightingale Adelina Patti and her second husband, the tenor Nicolini. The couple built (with her considerable earnings) a castle near Swansea called Craig-y-Nos and all the filming is taking place in the castle's own theatre. Amongst the many operatic set pieces that Anderson will perform is the mad scene from *Lucia di Lammermoor* — a role associated with both divas.

Last chance . . .

EDMONTON, Canada, used to boast the largest shopping mall in North America. If Brad Fraser's *Unidentified Human Remains and the True Nature of Love* is to be believed, the merchandise mainly on offer there is alienation, callousness and despair. Yet this scathing, streetwise play proclaimed the arrival of a writing talent to watch; and the company, who come from the Traverse Theatre in Edinburgh, have a brash vigour not often found in London. Last performance at the Hampstead Theatre (071-722 9301) is on Saturday.



Adelina Patti: her story is being filmed in Wales



TO ADVERTISE CALL: 071 481 9994

LA CRÈME DE LA CRÈME

FAX: 071 782 7828

Maine-Tucker
Recruitment Consultants

FLUENT FRENCH
Springtime in Paris?
Circa £15,000 + Bonus

This job offers total involvement. It's a young Secretary's dream. A chance to work in designer-offices, in Paris's smartest street with the most talented young Advertising people in Paris! Join as their Secretary & the world is your oyster. The set-up is small (owned by a global giant), frantic & friendly with all the advantages of a small friendly buzzing team. You must be fluent in French (definitely Bi-lingual) & you must type fast (ideally 60+) but no shorthand. You need a few years secretarial experience under your belt (3 years min) because the pace is fast & furious - you are not just going to be typing. You will be speaking to household-name Clients in Europe, sorting out Press articles, organising Videos, fixing complex travel plans - you have to be a real team player! Behind the glamour of Paris Advertising is a lot of effort, the team work hard (and play hard!) but if you are between 22 & 28 this job is one in a million & you could be spending this Spring in Paris.

18-21 Jermyn Street, London SW1Y 6HP
Telephone 071 734 7341

Maine-Tucker
Recruitment Consultants

A TYCOON'S RIGHT HAND
Circa £20-25,000 + Package

All the time there are fleets of mighty ships crossing the oceans of the world, delivering their precious cargoes on time to every major port. As these majestic vessels carve their way through the high seas there is so much to be planned... so many crews, so much maintenance, many new vessels to be purchased and it's all masterminded by one man, based in Mayfair... your boss. Needless to say he is very very busy and he needs your total support on every front. Yes, you will need 100 shorthand and excellent typing but much more than this... commitment, initiative, anticipation, discretion and superb organisational skills. A proven professional track record at senior level is vital, as is excellent written and spoken English (because he is very literate!). Experience at top legal level would be an advantage. He is demanding but fair and generous and an unaffected straightforward person. We are not looking for a grandiose PA more a first class Executive Secretary who really knows how to look after every aspect of the life of a high profile boss. A Secretary who is used to working under constant pressure but who maintains a protective attitude towards their boss. This is a career position and as such it has to be for a person who puts their job first. If you are between 30 & 50 and can offer us *all* the credentials above, then this rare opportunity might be yours.

18-21 Jermyn Street, London SW1Y 6HP
Telephone 071 734 7341

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION HELPLINE - LONDON

The National Child Protection Helpline is a 24 hour telephone service which receives referrals about children at risk. The administrative team is crucial to the smooth running of the services. You will work with distressing information on child abuse and neglect making these roles both worthwhile and challenging.

RESOURCE OFFICER
£14,523 - £15,744

For this new appointment you will need experience of developing and maintaining information systems. You must have strong interpersonal skills to liaise with outside agencies, thus providing an effective information service to counsellors about organisations and services relevant to our callers. Excellent secretarial and organisational skills are essential, as is a good working knowledge of computers. **(Ref:PPD12T)**

PA TO HEAD OF NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION HELPLINE
£12,939 - £14,202

A skilled individual is required to provide full secretarial and administrative support to the Head of the Helpline. You should be a good communicator with accurate typing (50 wpm), minute taking, audio and WP skills. A methodical, organised approach to work is vital, as well as being able to work without close supervision. **(Ref PPD13T)**

For an application form and further information please send a large SAE, *quoting relevant ref. no.*, to Jennie McClymont, NSPCC, 67, Saffron Hill, London EC1N 8RS

Closing date for applications: 26.04.93

The NSPCC is committed to Equal Opportunities

NSPCC

DIRECTORS' SECRETARY/PA
c. £17,000 + benefits **Berkshire**

Norcros plc, the Building Products, Ceramics and Print & Packaging Group based in Bracknell, requires a highly organised Secretary/PA to its Managing Director, Finance Director and Personnel Manager.

First-class skills are essential for this very demanding role and a knowledge of WordPerfect 5.0 and Symphony would be an advantage. A sense of humour and the ability to thrive under pressure is vital.

The remuneration package for the successful candidate includes salary in the region of £17,000 p.a., BUPA, life assurance, pension scheme and 25 days annual holiday.

Please apply in the first instance, including a full résumé, to: Jan Doyle-Holmes, Recruitment Manager, JBA Recruitment Advertising, 4th Floor, Ocean House, The Ring, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 1BL, or fax your CV on 0344 862342.

Closing date - 21/4/93.

NORCROS

SECRETARY/ADMINISTRATOR
Salary Negotiable

We are a high-tech company providing a dynamic range of services to the Printing Industry. Our Chief Executive seeks an experienced secretary who is dedicated, flexible and able to show initiative, attention to detail and a clear mind under pressure. Good communication skills, excellent telephone manner together with high standards of typing, audio and WordPerfect 5.1 are essential.

Age 25-35.

Please reply with full C.V. and salary to:

Liz Maxwell
RAPIDA GROUP PLC
136-148 TOOLEY STREET
LONDON SE1 2TU
(No Agencies)

TEAM SECRETARY
To work in lively, pressurised equity department of American Stockbrokers in the Broadgate Development.

Must be hard-working, flexible, numerate, with excellent telephone manner. City experience an advantage, but not essential.

Extremely competitive salary, based on age & experience.

Please contact Sally Lee on 071 377 0055 ext 2111. (No Agencies)

SECRETARY/PA TO PERSONNEL DIRECTOR
Central London c£17,000

The British Red Cross is going through an exciting period of development and expansion. Now in the second year of the Society's Five Year Plan, Personnel Division is reviewing personnel policies, recruiting additional staff and implementing training plans.

In the role of Secretary/PA, you will provide complete secretarial support to the Personnel Director and ensure that her very busy office is run smoothly and to deadlines. You will deal with personnel enquiries, draft correspondence for the Director and co-ordinate divisional activities, such as monitoring the budget.

You must be a senior secretary, with excellent typing and shorthand speeds, a good working knowledge of Wordperfect 5.1, and be able to cope with a high volume of work. You should also be lively, well presented, have a good telephone manner and an unflappable personality.

Benefits include pension scheme, STL and subsidised restaurant.

Please write, with full CV and marking the envelope 4107/RDE, to: Personnel Division, British Red Cross, 9 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 7EJ.

Closing date: 23 April 1993

British Red Cross

Executive Secretary to MD
Central London

Foster Wheeler Petroleum Development is a leading engineering contractor for the oil and gas industry located in Central London, and part of the successful, progressive Foster Wheeler Group.

An Executive Secretary with first class administration and secretarial skills, including shorthand and confident word processing ability, is required to work for the Managing Director.

The successful applicant will be able to work under pressure, use their own initiative, actively contribute to meeting objectives and will have the opportunity to utilise their excellent communication skills, dealing with clients and staff at all levels.

This position carries an attractive salary package.

Please write with full C.V. to Karin Pine, Personnel Department, Foster Wheeler Energy Limited, Foster Wheeler House, Station Road, Reading RG1 1LX.

FOSTER WHEELER ENERGY LIMITED
Recruitment Worldwide For Professionalism

City
£20,000 + Bens

The highly successful European Equities division of a well established city stockbroking firm needs a wonderful secretary! Assisting the Director and his team of analysts, organise itineraries, presentations and meetings, carry out research, use DTP to produce newsletters/reports and set up and administer a variety of new systems. The scope is endless and the pace fast. If you have MSWord for Windows, good typing (65 wpm), are aged 22-35 and seek a fresh challenge. Please call Esther Marsden on 071 377 9919.

HOBSTONES
RECRUITMENT CONSULTANTS

A Month In The Country
£20,000 + benefits

Is a rare occurrence for the high profile, dynamic Chairman of a major US firm. From the London based European Head Office you will be juggling his itineraries, overseas travel and liaising at top level on his behalf. Your senior level experience, ideally gained in International or American-style environments will enable you to take charge in his absence and calmly manage his hectic business and social life. Age 25 - 40. Skills 100/50/wp.

Please call Karen Levine for more details on 071-377-8827.

Crone Corkill
RECRUITMENT CONSULTANTS

New City Dining Club
MEMBERSHIP SALES MANAGER

International Club Company, a premier business, leisure and golf club developer and operator seeks dedicated and committed persons to be responsible for the sales of club memberships for their modern city club redevelopment project in London EC4.

The persons we are seeking must possess:

- Proven sales record preferred, but not essential
- Good communication and written skills
- Competent management, inter personal and administrative skills

We offer a rewarding salary and excellent on-target-earnings as well as intensive training and career advancement opportunities.

Please apply in writing forwarding your C.V. to:

International Club Company Ltd.
c/o Gilbert Bradshaw Associates,
115, Newgate Street, London, EC1A 7AE.
Tel: 071-606-9964.

Do you have public relations experience through working in a PR consultancy or in-house PR department? If so, this could be the position for you.....

PR SECRETARY KENSINGTON
£14,000 plus mortgage subsidy and other benefits.

Visa is the world leader in payment cards. In Europe, Middle East and Africa we have over 2000 banks linked to the Visa organisation. We are looking for a Secretary to support our busy Corporate Relations department of five people. Your accountabilities will include assisting with the running of the Press Office, liaising with external agencies and designers, arranging press events, organising travel as well as providing full secretarial and administrative support.

To be considered for this position you must have previous PR experience, excellent secretarial and organisational skills and the ability to work under pressure and to tight deadlines. Knowledge of a European language is also highly desirable.

In return we can offer an excellent remuneration package which includes mortgage subsidy, private health and life assurance schemes and non contributory pension.

Please write enclosing a current CV to Jane Peabody, HRD Executive, Visa International, PO Box 253, London W8 5TE.

Closing date - 16 April 1993

VISA

Top Class Young Sec
to £16,000

Friendly City firm need a young (19-25) secretary to work for their totally charming Deputy Chairman. You'll work closely with the senior PA to the Chairman who is always on hand to give help and advice. There is plenty of contact with clients for a well-educated secretary with a sense of fun, keen to work at senior level early in their career. Skills 100+/50/wp. Please call Catherine Ferguson on 071 377 3827.

Crone Corkill
RECRUITMENT CONSULTANTS

First Job! Publishing
£10,000

Delightful marketing director of publishing company would like a college leaver secretary "hot off the press"! Using your fresh skills (shorthand 80 and typing 45) you will prepare his day-to-day correspondence. You will also be keeping his diary, arranging meetings and dealing with administrative tasks. He would like someone bright, bubbly and enthusiastic to fit into his young and friendly team. If you think you could fill this role please call Jane Shepherd on 071 434 4512.

Crone Corkill
RECRUITMENT CONSULTANTS

PARTNER'S SEC £15 - £20K AAE

Professional City firm require hard-working, adaptable, team person. Working at Partner level 90% of the job will be WP layout, audio and shorthand. Good phone manner to deal with clients, arrange meetings and travel. Strong WordPerfect 5.1 essential, as is keeness to earn extra through working overtime. Skills 60 Typ/90 SH. Age range 25 - 45.

Call Jane Morgan on 071 256 6868.

Rec Cons

LOVE + TATE

SECRETARY EC4

We are a property development company - part of a prestigious international development and construction group - based in attractive offices in the City. We require a well educated, experienced audio secretary to become part of our small friendly team.

Reporting to two directors, you will ideally be aged early 30's, well presented, flexible, totally discreet and able to work on your own initiative and respond to a busy workload within time constraints. Experience of Wordperfect 5.1 is essential, and availability before the end of April would be an advantage.

The successful applicant will receive an excellent salary and benefits package. Please send full CV including salary details and daytime telephone number to:

Annette Grace, Personnel Department
Ranelagh Developments, 18 King William Street
London EC4N 7BP

PART OF THE RANELAGH CEMI GROUP

(NO AGENCIES)

Microsoft Word for Windows Trainer
£14,500-£17,000

This well-established and rapidly expanding IT consultancy based in the heart of London is looking for intelligent, personable people in their mid-twenties to do training and eventually consultancy in Microsoft Windows applications such as Word. You will need to be dynamic and happy to travel and ideally will have training experience. The company specialises in personal tuition rather than classroom training. You will have plenty of scope to learn new programs though initially your Word for Windows skills will be essential. For more information please telephone Vivienne Roberts at:

Anthony Cook Bureau on 071 628 3355

PA TO MD
£20 000 - W1

A true PA role for MD of PLC with office managerial and personnel duties. Superb command of English required for creating correspondence and excellent communicator for extensive business liaison. Must be numerate with shorthand of 90 wpm and computer literate, ideally with Uniplex experience. For this involving position you should be quick to learn, down to earth, resilient and full of initiative. Age: 30-45.

Please call Lisa on 071 636 1493
BEAVERS (Rec Cons)

PA IN PR
£17,000

The Chief Executive of a leading PR consultancy, seeks a hard working, efficient and energetic self-starter, with several years senior level experience. A flexible approach together with the ability to meet deadlines will enable you to take on this exciting, varied and responsible role. Recruitment and personnel experience, 80/60 skills and Multiuser 4 WP preferred. Age 25+.

Please send letter and CV by 16 April to:
Mrs Claire Alves,
114 Cromwell Road,
London SW7 4ES

GROUP ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR
Salary c£16,000

Are you a graduate who likes taking the initiative? Do you have strong secretarial and administrative skills? We are looking for a "self-starter" who will set up and run all the administration procedures for our international human resources company. You will be responsible for all business accounts, from sales to services. Good buying skills required and an ability to see projects through to completion. Please send your CV and covering letter to:

Sarina Edwards, Eurolink Group plc
Blenheim House, 56 Old Steine, Brighton BN1 1NH

SENIOR SECRETARY IN FINE ART

An articulate, well presented and mature secretary is required for the senior director of an International Fine Art Auctioneer Company. The successful applicant will be discreet, unflappable, efficient, polite, calm and able to charm important clients. Good shorthand, audio and organisational skills are essential. Ideally you should live in London, be educated to at least "A" level standard and perhaps speak French. Hours: Monday - Friday 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. but you should be flexible to work longer when required. Salary £13,000-14,500 p.a.dependant on experience and personal qualities. Handwritten letter of application to C.V. to Box No 1713

Junior Secretary (22+)

required for busy firm with international clients. Must be of a mature nature, smart appearance, good sec. skills (60wpm, experience with MS Word for Windows preferable), non-smoker. Salary c.£14,000.

Please reply with CV to:
Vanessa Quayle
FRICOM Property Investment Management Ltd.,
Bampard House,
14/16 Cretton Street,
London SW1H 9QT

NO AGENCIES PLEASE

MULTI-LINGUAL OPPORTUNITIES

FRENCH IN THE CITY
City finance co req French PA to work for their chief executive. Eng MT & SH essential in this challenging position. £18,000 + excellent.

BANKING ON YOUR GERMAN
Do you have fast typing, audio and shorthand of 80wpm? A merchant bank is looking for a German mother tongue bilingual secretary with previous experience to work in Corporate Finance dept. Attorney. WP5.1 and flexibility are essential. £18,000 + paid overtime + mortgage sub.

WHY COMMUTE...FRENCH
Int'l co based north of London req French bil legal sec to work alongside their Corporate Lawyer. Eng SH essential for this busy & involved role. £18,000

TRULY TRILINGUAL
Excl. opp. for trilingual German/Italian PA to get involved in mkt. co. High admin & lang content inc. travel. £18,000.

MERROW EMPLOYMENT AGENCY LTD
THE LANGUAGE SPECIALISTS
Tel: 071 499 3939 Fax: 071 409 2359

PA/ADMINISTRATOR
£14,000 PER ANNUM

PA/Administrator needed for exclusive ski company based in Battersea. Initiative, good organisational/secretarial skills and ability to work with a team necessary. Please contact Penny Shone on 071 223 0801.

BILINGUAL PA
£17,000

Own initiative and liaison skills required for busy Vice President. Shorthand, WordPerfect + European languages vital. W6 based.

Banner Rec Cons
071 493 3336

MEDICAL SECRETARY

Consultant Plastic Surgeon in Harley Street requires full time Medical Secretary. Needs to enjoy patient contact, as well as secretarial responsibilities.

Please send full CV to Box No 1610

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/ BOOKKEEPER

Required for exciting new Drinks Company based in London. Must have experience in Computer Accounting & book keeping. Knowledge of German would be useful, but not essential.

Salary £15,000 p.a.
Write with CV to:-

17, Nethergate Street,
Clare, Sudbury,
Suffolk CO10 8NP

FARLEY & Co

SECRETARY

required to join busy Residential Lettings Department, shorthand essential. Send C.V. to:

Susan Metcalfe
44/48 Old Brompton Road,
South Kensington,
London, SW7 3DZ
071 589 1244

PUBLIC RELATIONS CONSULTANCY SW1
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Experienced PA/Executive Assistant required for Managing Director and account group liaising with clients and media. Candidates should be intelligent, articulate and well presented with good shorthand, WP & Admin skills. Good humour and ability to work within a hard working team essential. 23+ salary negotiable.

Please send CVs to:
PO Box 1735

CITY SECRETARY/PA
London EC3 **Salary £15-£18,000**

Successful stockbroker seeks articulate non-smoking Sec/PA (25-35) to work on a one-to-one basis in a busy dealing room. The position requires (SH) secretarial and administrative skills, a competent telephone manner and several office duties. There is significant client liaison. Previous experience is desirable as is initiative and a willingness to learn.

Interested candidates should send CVs to Carol Smith, 53 Shepherds Hill, London N6 5QP
Fax: 081 341 4463

No agencies

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY / ADMINISTRATOR

Required by small, professional organisation based in Victoria SW1.

The Combined Heat and Power Association undertakes a broad range of parliamentary and industry based activities in the UK and Europe. A good P.A. is needed to support the work of the Director and to run the office. Expert knowledge of Wordperfect 5.1, good communication skills, a high level of secretarial and administrative capabilities and the ability to work in a busy team with an adaptable and efficient approach to work is required.

Salary negotiable for the right person, from £15,500.

For full job description and application details, contact David Green, Director, on 071 828 4077 at the CHPA, 35/37 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W 0BS.

Closing date 23 April 1993.

SECRETARY/PA TO MD

Required by MD of UK/European division of NZ drinks company to work as part of small, busy team in Central London. Ability to work on own, use initiative and maintain contact at high level essential. Experience in drinks or marketing environment at Director level preferred. Audio typing (60+) using WordPerfect for Macintosh.

This position will appeal to a well-groomed energetic secretary/PA looking for a more varied and interesting role. Age range open. Non-smoker preferred. Salary c.£15,000.

Reply with CV to Box No: 1715

No agencies

CHESTERTONS
RESIDENTIAL
Since 1885

SECRETARY/PROPERTY ADMINISTRATOR

Chestertons Residential Mayfair office require an enthusiastic secretary/administrator who is keen to progress by combining secretarial duties with the day to day management of properties which are tenanted.

Please contact Margaret Norton
071 629 4513 AM 071 589 4585 PM

URGENT- LONDON EC4

OUR CLIENT IMMEDIATELY REQUIRE 15 HIGHLY EXPERIENCED DEDICATED WP OPERATORS WITH DTP/GRAPHIC KNOWLEDGE TO WORK ON A SHIFT BASIS.

★ 6 MONTHS' PLUS ASSIGNMENT ★ TRAINING ON COS. WP ★ /SHIFT WORK ★ PAY AT TIME/TIME & HALF/DOUBLE ★ TAXI ALLOWANCE

INTERVIEWS TO BE HELD IN LONDON.

CALL BROWNS RECRUITMENT LIMITED
TEL: 0438 816292 FAX 0438 814646

SALES & MARKETING PA

To Group Sales and Marketing Manager in Computer Industry. Excellent typing (60wpm) and organisational skills. Full of ideas, motivated, sense of humour. Experience in handling projects. Age - Mid 20's plus. £14-£15K. 4 weeks holiday.

Please send C.V. to David Jahn, Ref: JD, M R Group Plc, 47 Bastwick St, London EC1V 3PS

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/ADMINISTRATOR

Required by small, professional organisation based in Victoria SW1.

The Combined Heat and Power Association undertakes a broad range of parliamentary and industry based activities in the UK and Europe. A good P.A. is needed to support the work of the Director and to run the office. Expert knowledge of Wordperfect 5.1, good communication skills, a high level of secretarial and administrative capabilities and the ability to work in a busy team with an adaptable and efficient approach to work is required.

Salary negotiable for the right person, from £15,500.

For full job description and application details, contact David Green, Director, on 071 828 4077 at the CHPA, 35/37 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W 0BS.

Closing date 23 April 1993.

حكذا من الاصل

إ هكذا من الأصل

Teachers' boycott is trade dispute

Wandsworth London Borough Council v National Association of School Masters and Union of Women Teachers

Before Mr Justice Mantell

[Judgment April 2]

Teachers, other than head teachers, by boycotting certain duties in relation to national curriculum assessment which they considered unreasonable would be in breach of their contracts of employment with their local education authority but were, however, protected by the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

Since the teachers' objections were to additional duties and obligations, that was a trade dispute and accordingly injunctions requiring them to perform the duties in question could not be issued.

Mr Justice Mantell so held in the Queen's Bench Division when refusing the applicants, Wandsworth London Borough Council, the local education authority, an injunction (i) to restrain the defendants, the National Association of School Masters and Union of Women Teachers, from, *inter alia*, (a) inducing breaches of the contracts of those of their members employed by the council by instructing, encouraging, advising or soliciting them to boycott national curriculum testing and assessment procedures; (b) inducing breaches of the members' statutory duties imposed by section 10(2) of the Education Reform Act 1988 and by subsidiary legislation and (ii) to withdraw its ballot.

Mr Patrick Elias, QC and Mr Nigel Giffin for the council; Mr Jeffrey Burke, QC and Mr David Bean for the union.

MR JUSTICE MANTELL said that the association wished to ballot its members to protest against the excessive workload because of curriculum assessment. The general secretary asked its members to boycott "unreasonable duties of assessment" in particular standard assessment tasks, not to carry out preparation of duties or set or invigilate tests or mark them.

Limitations on the boycott meant it bit only on the standard assessment tasks and those procedures which were said to be unreasonable and unnecessary. Mainly affected were 14 year olds at key stage three level.

The education authority was under a statutory duty to implement the national curriculum and feared disruption of the key stage three assessment due to begin just after Easter.

The defendants accepted that their members could be in breach of their contracts of employment but claimed to be protected by section 219 of the 1992 Act and denied any tort other than inducing breaches of contract.

Owing to the extreme urgency of the matter, it was tried as a final hearing on the merits rather than on the balance of convenience, as would normally be the case with any interlocutory application.

By section 219 an act in furtherance of a trade dispute was not actionable in tort on the ground only that it induced or threatened breach of contract. By the material parts of section 244(1) a trade dispute was one which related wholly or partly to one or more of terms and conditions of employment.

By subsection (2) "A dispute between a minister of the Crown and any workers shall, notwithstanding that he is not the employer of those workers, be treated as a dispute between those workers and their employer if the dispute relates to matters which — ... (b) cannot be settled without him exercising a power conferred upon him by or under an enactment."

The plaintiffs submitted the dispute was not about terms and conditions, the only category the union could bring itself within, but was about the very idea of the national curriculum assessment and the duties required as a result.

Thus this was a dispute where the secretary of state had to stand in the shoes of the employer as the power to settle the dispute arose directly as a result of his powers as a substitute employer. That power was under the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Act 1991 which would not itself introduce any power to interfere with the national curriculum.

The dispute was wholly or mainly in relation to work load. If it were a dispute in relation to terms or conditions of employment, it was certainly something the secretary of state could settle by his powers under the 1991 Act.

The terms of the ballot were clear. The members were being asked to object to additional workload albeit coming as a result of extra duties. There was nothing in the general secretary's letter to contradict that view.

It had to be remembered that the teachers' pay and conditions in the document produced pursuant to the 1991 Act provided for a minimum of hours but no maximum. That had long been a source of grievance and meant an order for any additional duties extended the working hours. That was objected to regardless of whether the additional duties were seen as worthwhile.

The dispute was wholly or mainly about the terms and conditions of employment and was something the minister was empowered to deal with under the 1991 Act if he so chose.

So far as the plaintiff relied upon inducement to commit a breach of contract section 219 again applied.

The submission that there was a statutory duty on the union's members to carry out national curriculum failed in limine. The main vehicle by which governments controlled the terms and conditions of teachers in controlled schools was the 1991 Act.

Nowhere in that Act, or subsidiary legislation under it, did it purport to impose a statutory duty on a teacher. The Education Reform Act 1988 was responsible for the introduction of the national curriculum and by section 10 there might be a direct duty imposed upon head teachers but none upon other teachers and it was they that the case concerned.

Section 4(2) of the 1988 Act permitted the secretary of state to make assessment arrangements. The Education (National Curriculum) (Assessment Arrangements for English, Mathematics, Science, Technology) (Key Stage 3) Order (SI 1992 No 1858) provided by paragraph 3: "Teacher assessment (1) Each pupil shall be assessed by a teacher ... (2) The purpose of the assessment shall be to determine the level of attainment ... (3) The teacher shall each year not later than 31st May assess the pupil ..."

That paragraph and particularly the use of "teacher shall" was relied on by the plaintiffs for the contention that teachers rather than head teachers were under a statutory as opposed to a contractual duty to carry out the May stage three assessment.

It should be noted that the form in paragraph 3 was not used consistently, sometimes it was in the inverted form. Each subparagraph was worded differently. In (1) and (4) "shall" was used: in (5) "... a teacher may ..."

It could not have been intended by such casual means and such indiscriminate language to impose a statutory duty on individual teachers in addition to the contractual duties required or imposed by the Education (School Teachers' Pay and Conditions) (No 2) (Order) (SI 1992 No 989).

His Lordship was fortified in that view by the fact that the primary legislation did directly impose statutory duties on others, for example the local education authority and head teachers but the enabling section made no reference to powers which the secretary of state claimed to have invoked here.

Solicitors: Mr Martin Walker, Wandsworth; Robin Thompson & Partners.

Summary dismissal of application

Platts v Western Trust & Savings Ltd

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Sir Christopher Slade

[Judgment April 1]

A judge hearing a debtor's application to set aside a statutory demand served on him under the provisions of sections 267 and 268 of the Insolvency Act 1986 was entitled to dismiss the application summarily without allowing the debtor to call evidence to establish that the lenders were fully secured creditors.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, dismissing an appeal by the debtor, Mr John Douglas Platts, from the decision of Judge Weeks, QC, sitting as an additional judge of the Chancery Division at Bristol on January 21, 1993, refusing to set aside the statutory demand served by the petitioning creditors, Western Trust & Savings Ltd, and permitting them to present a bankruptcy petition.

Mr Roger Kaye, QC, who did not appear below, for the debtor; Mr Charles Auld for the creditors.

SIR CHRISTOPHER SLADE said that the debtor, the owner of a commercial property at Avonmouth, had executed a legal charge on it in favour of the creditors to secure a loan. The debtor defaulted in the interest payments and the creditors sought to enforce the debt by bankruptcy proceedings rather than by enforcing their charge.

To comply with the provisions of sections 267(2) and 268(1) of the 1986 Act, the creditors served the debtor with a statutory demand. That demand specified the value of the debtor's property at £650,000 and asserted that the amount of the debt was £877,857.

The debtor accepted that the sum was payable to the creditors but complained that the value of £650,000 placed on the security was far too low. He contended that the creditors were in truth fully secured creditors and therefore not entitled to rely on the statutory demand to present a bankruptcy petition.

Thus the debtor applied under rule 6.4(1) of the Insolvency Rules (SI 1986 No 1925) to set aside the statutory demand and he supported his application by an affidavit that exhibited a report by a consultant surveyor attributing a value of some £950,000 to the property.

At the first hearing of that application, a deputy judge had two surveyors' reports from the creditors' experts, the latter of which gave a current open market value to the property of £450,000. The judge adjourned the case for three weeks, directing the debtor to serve any further expert valuation evidence.

At the adjourned hearing, the debtor, not having filed any further evidence, expected to be permitted to adduce oral evidence from his surveyor and to cross-examine the creditors' experts. The district judge refused the debtor permission and went on to dismiss his application.

Hearing the debtor's appeal, Judge Weeks correctly pointed out that on the evidence the district judge could not have been satisfied that the value of the security equalled or exceeded the value of the debt for the purposes of rule 6.5(4). But the question was whether Judge Weeks was right in declining to over-rule the district judge's decision to deal summarily with the application and to refuse to allow examination or cross-examination.

Mr Kaye, relying on the judgment of Lord Justice Nicholls in *In re a Debtor (No 1 of 1987)* ([1989] 1 WLR 271, 276) argued that Judge Weeks was plainly wrong and that his decision involved injustice. If, he argued, the petition was allowed to proceed, it might not be open to the debtor thereafter to question the value of the security held by the creditors.

But the effect of the judge's decision did not mean that the debtor could never thereafter challenge the creditors' estimate of value. Section 271(1) of the 1986 Act precluded the court from making a bankruptcy order unless "it is satisfied that the debt ... has been neither paid nor secured".

Further, it appeared that rules 7.5 and 7.7 gave the court hearing the petition ample power, if it saw fit, to determine the value of the security on proper evidence from both sides.

The debtor's submission that the hearing of the application to set aside the statutory demand was effectively his last opportunity to assert that the creditors were fully secured could not be accepted.

The court hearing the application was given a wide discretion under rule 6.5(3) "to consider the evidence then available" and either to "summarily determine the application or adjourn it, giving such direction as it thinks appropriate".

While not obliged to resolve the matter on the hearing of such an application, in many cases the court might properly take the view that justice would best be served if the point was determined before the petition was allowed to be be presented.

Reference could be made by way of analogy to the practice of the Companies Court on an application to restrain the presentation of a winding-up petition on the ground that the debt was *bona fide* disputed on substantial grounds. Although such an objection could be raised on the substantive hearing of the petition, it was much more commonly raised and dealt with at the earlier stage.

In the present case, the debtor did not intimate before December 22 an intention to adduce oral evidence or a wish to cross-examine. He had not complied with the court's direction to serve any further expert evidence.

Rule 6.5(3) made it clear that the court had a discretion to dismiss an application on the incomplete evidence before it, without adjourning it for full evidence. Further, the court would, if it saw fit still be free to go into questions of value on the hearing of the petition. In the light of those consideration it was impossible to hold that the judge's conclusion was wrong.

Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss agreed.

Solicitors: J. W. Ward & Son, Bristol; Teacher Stern Selby.

Eligibility for disturbance payment

Wrexham Maelor Borough Council v MacDougall and Others

Before Lord Justice Ralph Gibson, Lord Justice Mann and Lord Justice Nolan

[Judgment April 1]

Where a person was displaced from any land in consequence of the compulsory acquisition of that land and was eligible for a disturbance payment provided that he was in lawful possession of the land at the relevant time and provided that he had no compensatable interest under any other enactment, "possession" in section 37 of the Land Compensation Act 1973 meant physical occupation with the intention to exclude unauthorised intruders.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when dismissing the appeal by Wrexham Maelor Borough Council from the decision of Mr C. R. Mallett, sitting in the Lands Tribunal, on May 14, 1992 that, *inter alia*, David Stuart MacDougall was entitled to compensation under section 37 of the 1973 Act in respect of the compulsory acquisition by the council of his leasehold interest in offices in Wrexham, in which the business of Crest Insurance Services Ltd and of Crest (Life and Pensions) Ltd were conducted and in which companies Mr MacDougall held three quarters of the share capital and Mrs MacDougall one quarter, both being directors of those companies.

Miss Elizabeth Appleby, QC and Mr Robin Campbell for the borough council; Mr Michael Barnes, QC and Mr Kevin Barnett for Mr MacDougall and Crest.

LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIBSON said that there was nothing in section 37 of the 1973 Act, considered in its statutory context, to show that the word "lawful" imported anything more than that the possession should not be unlawful.

It was expressly required to be lawful. If it meant the legal or equitable right to possession there would be few significant cases in which the person would not be entitled to compensation under other enactments, namely section 20 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 or section 5 of the Land Compensation Act 1961.

To have lawful possession without a legal interest in the land, whether freehold or leasehold, required that the person in possession had the permission of the owner who had the legal right to possession.

The tribunal had held that the companies had from Mr MacDougall exclusive occupation which was possession. Mr Mallett did not conclude that they had exclusive possession and in that he was right.

If the person was not given exclusive possession he might still, in his Lordship's judgment, have possession of the land within the meaning of section 37. He would then be a licensee.

Any fragility in his right to continue as a licensee in possession of the land, because of the power of the owner to terminate it, would be relevant to the amount of any disturbance payment which had to be determined with regard to the period for which the land might reasonably have been expected to be available for the purposes of his business: see section 38(2).

The fact that a licensee might be in lawful possession did not of course mean that all licensees would be entitled to disturbance payments.

Most licensees on land, who were permitted by the owner to enter and to remain or to do acts on the land, did not have physical possession of the land.

Lord Justice Mann and Lord Justice Nolan agreed.

Solicitors: Mr B. Goodall, Wrexham; Boote Edgar Esterkin, Manchester.

Enforcing security for joint loan

CIBC Mortgages plc v Pitt

Before Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Peter Gibson

[Judgment March 31]

Where a wife was induced by the undue influence of her husband to provide security for a loan made to the husband and wife jointly, the innocent lender was not affected by the undue influence and was, accordingly, free to enforce the security.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the wife, Maxine Frances Pitt, from the judgment of Mr Recorder D. T. A. Davies at Willesden County Court, who on August 7, 1992 made an order for possession against her in respect of 26 Alexander Avenue, Willesden.

The property was the matrimonial home of Mr and Mrs Pitt and was the subject of a legal charge in favour of the lender, CIBC Mortgages plc. In 1986 the husband told the wife that he wanted to borrow some money on the home to buy shares on the stock market.

The wife unwillingly agreed and they signed a loan application which stated the the purpose for which the funds were being raised was the proposed purchase of a holiday home.

A mortgage offer of £150,000 was made to the couple who both signed it. The legal charge was executed by both the husband and wife.

The wife did not read any of the documents which she signed. When the husband got into difficulties with the mortgage payments the lender brought proceedings for possession of the property.

The wife claimed that the charge could not be enforced against her on the ground of undue influence.

Mr Leolin Price, QC and Mr David Schmitz for the wife; Mr Gavin Lightman, QC and Mr Nigel Clayton for the lender.

LORD JUSTICE PETER GIBSON said that Mr Price attacked the decision of the judge on the ground that the distinction which he drew between cases where a wife was surety for her husband and cases where the wife and her husband were joint borrowers was unsatisfactory on general principles.

Mr Price's submission was premised on the correctness of the approach adopted by Lord Justice Scott in *Barclay's Bank plc v O'Brien* (*The Times* June 3, 1992; [1992] 3 WLR 593) and Mr Lightman did not seek to contend that the decision in that case was not binding on the court.

His Lordship saw great force in the contention that it was unsatisfactory to draw a distinction based merely on whether the wife had the status of a surety or a joint borrower. However, as Mr Lightman pointed out, throughout his judgment in *O'Brien* Lord Justice Scott was careful to confine his statements of principle to wives who provided security for their husbands.

Mr Lightman submitted that the critical question was whether, on the face of the transaction and as it appeared to the third party, there was, or at least might reasonably be anticipated to be, a conflict of interest between husband and wife. That, he suggested, was the case where the wife provided security for a loan to or for the debts of the husband and company, but not where the security was provided for a loan to the husband and wife jointly.

The existence of a conflict, he said, raised the possibility of an exercise of influence over the protected class and that might put the third party on notice of the risk which equity required him to negate.

Where there was no apparent conflict, such as where the security was provided by the husband and wife to purchase jointly a second home, there was no apparent risk and so no sufficient cause for equity to intrude into a family decision.

His Lordship agreed with Mr Lightman's conclusion, but arrived at it by a slightly different route. The court was concerned with the application of equitable principles. Equity did not presume undue influence in transactions between husband and wife.

Further, *bona fide* purchasers for value without notice were recognised in equity as having a good defence to equitable claims. On principle therefore, a creditor who was not on notice of any actual or likely undue influence in a transaction involving a husband and wife ought not to be affected by the exercise of undue influence by the husband.

Of course if the creditor left it to the husband to procure the wife's participation in the transaction or otherwise made the husband the creditor's agent, whether in a strict or some looser sense, then the creditor was affected by the acts of the agent and notice of undue influence by the husband could be imputed to the creditor.

By reason of the *O'Brien* case his Lordship had to accept that in a case where a wife provided security for the husband's debts, the creditor, unless it took steps to ensure that the wife understood the transaction and that her consent was true and informed, might be affected by any undue influence exerted by the husband to procure the wife's actions, even if the creditor had no knowledge of the undue influence; but that was explicable on the basis that such a transaction, favouring a husband at the expense of his wife, on its face put the creditor on notice of the possibility of undue influence by the husband.

By parity of reasoning, if there was a secured loan to a husband and wife but the creditor was aware that the purposes of the loan were to pay the husband's debts or otherwise for his, as distinct from their joint, purposes, the creditor, without taking precautionary steps, might be affected by the husband's misconduct.

In the present case it was clear that the lender had no actual knowledge of the acts of the husband relied on by the wife as constituting undue influence. Nor was there anything to put the lender on notice that that was other than a routine transaction for the benefit of both the husband and wife.

In his Lordship's judgment the innocent lender was not affected by the undue influence exerted by the husband over the wife and on that ground the wife's defence to the proceedings failed.

Lord Justice Neill delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Brian Hillman Trivedi & Co, Palmer's Green; Fox Brooks Marshall, Manchester.

Expenditure on plant house does not qualify as plant

Gray (Inspector of Taxes) v Seymours Garden Centre (Horticulture)

Before Mr Justice Vinelott

[Judgment April 1]

The expenditure incurred by a garden centre on the construction of a plant house in which plants could be maintained in a good condition until sold did not qualify for a first year capital allowance. It was not expenditure laid out on the provision of "plant" for the purposes of section 41 and 42 of the Finance Act 1971.

Mr Justice Vinelott so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division in allowing an appeal by the Crown from a determination by Putney general commissioners that had upheld an appeal by Seymours Garden Centre against an estimated assessment to Schedule D, Case I, income tax for 1984-85 in the sum of £100,000.

Mr Timothy Brennan for the Crown; Mr Robin Mathew, QC, for the garden centre.

MR JUSTICE VINELOTT said that the commissioners' decision was simply that the expenditure of £14,902 on the plant house was on the provision of "plant". The question thus was whether on the facts found by them their conclusion was one which a reasonable tribunal properly instructed as to the law could have reached.

The further question whether, if the expenditure was not on "plant" within sections 41 and 42 of the 1971 Act, the plant house attracted a writing down allowance under sections 68 and 69 of the Capital Allowances Act 1968 had not been decided by the commissioners.

The commissioners described the plant house as a structure that protected growing plants from the weather but also created an environment in which plants would grow and maintain their quality of growth which could not be achieved in any other structure. It was synonymous with a glasshouse.

Plants were already in saleable condition when they reached the plant house which was specially designed with an interior irrigation system. The internal layout allowed customers, with or without trolleys, free passage between the benches.

Some plants, bay trees and camellias, remained in the plant house for up to ten months; some were purchased from abroad and required special treatment that could be afforded in the plant house; some sold within two weeks.

There was also before the commissioners a written report by a nursery garden specialist. That report made it clear that the plant house was a fixed structure designed to maintain plants of many different kinds moved from nurseries into an environment in which they would remain in good condition until sale.

A mini-climate could be provided in different parts of the plant house suitable for different varieties of plant and so as to be open to the public to walk around and chose from the plants on offer.

It was impossible on that evidence to conclude that the plant house was "plant". It was simply the structure in which the final part of the respondents' trade as nurserymen was carried on. The commissioners had overlooked the crucial distinction emphasised by Mr Justice Hoffmann in *Wimpey International Ltd v Warland* ([1988] STC 149) between the business use test and the premises test.

It was true that the plant house fulfilled the same function, the protection of plants between removal from the nursery and sale, which could be achieved without the use of any permanent structure.

It did not follow that a structure erected to perform the same function had to be "plant".

It might be that a specialised glass house with integral heating, temperature and humidity controls, automatic ventilation and shade screens and other equipment could be considered to be, like the oft-cited dry dock apparatus in *IRC v Barclay Curle & Co Ltd* ([1969] 1 WLR 675), apparatus for carrying on a trade and not the premises in which the trade was carried on. That case could be considered when it arose.

On the evidence before the commissioners the plant house fell well on the premises side of the line wherever it might be drawn.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Nigel Adams & Co.

LA CRÈME DE LA CRÈME

MULTI-LINGUAL OPPORTUNITIES

FLUENT French ess'd Translator. £18,000. Exp M/T Paris. Relocation paid. Bilingualsec 071 493 6446 Rec Cons.

FRANKFURT bnk property company seeks German n/t PA with fluent Eng for their commercial department. Aged 24-28 with min. 1 yr exp. and confident sec skills. Ability to prioritise & cope under pressure essential. Salary c£16K+ excellent bonus. Tel 071 504 6446 Sheila Burgess International Rec Cons.

FRENCH/Spanish. Two secretaries with fluent language skills are required at a leading US bank in EC2. Assisting busy teams of professionals within Mergers and Acquisition department you must organisational and word processing skills to the maximum. Microsoft word for windows and immediate availability essential. Salary £16,000 plus banking benefits. Please contact Victoria Harrington on 071 377 9719 for further details. Hellstones Recruitment Consultants.

FRENCH - PA/Sec with excellent French (and preferably German) typing for friendly, stable property company based W2. Working for a charming Director, duty will include entirely telephone work (often in French), full secretarial support and some translation work. Age 25-45. Exc life. Ref/Audio. £15-16,000. Please call Caroline Tuck on 071-437 6082.

FRENCH. Marketing Secretary for busy team within internal design company in central London. Min 2 years' exp. Shorthand and relevant background a plus. Multilingual Services (rec cons) 071 836 3794

FRENCH bil PA to MD of top fin. services co. SH in both langs pref. Background to merit good salary to £25K. Leagrave Multilang Rec Cons 071 930 1811.

FRENCH and/or ned/bil/Dtch. Exc bil prof. £10-12k pus. Language Matters Rec Cons 071 930 1811

GERMAN and Dutch speaking secretary £19,000. Ongoing Commodations and Corporate Identity Directors seek stylish professional team to use initiative and take on responsibility. Your excellent secretarial and DTP skills will be fully utilised with preparing presentations in-house news letters and corporate media. 60 wpm typing & DTP experience essential. Age 25-35 max. Please telephone 071 408 0247 - Elizabeth Hunt Recruitment Consultants.

GERMAN bilingual sec/ PA urgently req'd for a variety of posts in Finance & Banking. £16-20K + bonus. Language Recruitment Services 071 287 0424.

GERMAN (MT pref) bil PA/sec to new GM of city bank. 27+. City exp pref. £20K + bn. Language Matters Rec Cons 071 930 1811

ITALIAN Sec. £17,000. Great Charming Boss. Design/ Manufacturing. Int. Co. 5 weeks hols. Bilingualsec 071 493 6446 Agy.

LANGUAGE graduate with 1-3 years office experience & good secretarial skills, interested in learning the recruitment ropes. £12 plus, negotiable. Please phone Joan, Multilingual Services (rec cons.) 071 836 3794.

PERSONNEL Officer - £18,000 - Recruitment - Payroll - Staff Welfare. Int. French Import Co. Conversational French. Bilingualsec 071 493 6446 Agy.

REC/Sec Frankfurt - £22,000 - Fluent German - Int. Co. Relocation pkg. Bilingualsec 071 493 6446 Rec Cons.

SEC. SH/Bilingual French. £14,000. Wordperfect 5.1. Perfume House. Bilingualsec 071 493 6446 Rec Cons.

TEMP Assignment 6 Month - languages are a plus. DTP OP. Must have at least 2 yrs work exp. Top rates. Bmm. Staff. Bilingualsec 071 493 6446 Agy.

COLLEGE TO CAREER

OFFICE Assistant (First Jobber) North Kensington, W10. Small, informal entertainment company in bright, modern office suite environmentally friendly office products to the business sector. We are looking for a bright, capable, ambitious individual. 18+. Full training provided. Take customer orders, database management, office admin. Must be computer literate (WordPerfect 5.1) and non smoker. £10,000 plus bonus. Call 081 960 1555 or fax CV 081 964 4445. No agencies please.

TOP West End fashion agency seeks College Leaver/ Second Jobber for Secretarial/ Administrative position. Must have WP experience, preferably RM, and be numerate. Shorthand and a knowledge of German would be an advantage. Salary nec. Please apply in writing to Caroline Stanik, Bob Lloyd-Davies, 8 Burwell Place, London W1P 5PB.

NON-SECRETARIAL

ESTATE AGENT req Manager with previous experience. Salary & comm. £35,000pa. Kensington 071 602 3337.

MARKETING Manager £26-27K. direct sales experience essential. Mid 20's early 30's, degree level + persuasive personality. Call 071 377 5777 Middlesex Jeffrys Rec Cons.

PART TIME VACANCIES

SECRETARY

Busy Estate Agency in West Kensington requires part-time secretary, 12 to 15 hours per week. Would suit previously experienced, local resident, married person.

Details from Ref: KAG

071 603 6020

PART-TIME vacancy for cook/ housekeeper with good references and cooking skills. TV actor in all aspects of West End retail shop. Must be able to offer extra hours during school holidays. Please apply in writing to: Mrs Milne, 16c Grafton Street, London W1X 3LF.

12pm-6pm, 5 days a week, c £12,000. Superb opportunity to work at the very top, as the part-time personal secretary to high profile Chairman. Lovely offices in the West End. Fast accurate typing (60 wpm) and audio, a professional, helpful manner and immaculate presentation. Age 28-40. Please call Virginia on 071-434 4512, Crone Corkill Recruitment.

SW1 Estate Agents need a live personable top calibre individual to show houses. £7ph. Flexi hours. 071 821 0788.

RECEPTION SELECTION

RECEPTION/REC £18,000 - International Co seeks capable and efficient Receptionist to handle usual Rec duties and provide some secretarial assistance. Professional image and attitude are important. So too evidence of successful achievement in a similar role. Accurate keyboard skills (40 wpm) essential. Age guide 26-40. Please call 071 493 0713 Marry-weather Selection.

SUPER SECRETARIES

ADRIEN Sec £14K + bens. Hectic mgmt cons need confident sec for 70% admin role. Ample exp pref. 60 wpm Audio ess. 071 287 3644 Neat Employment.

All oil/gas industry background would be useful to PA to the Legal Adviser of this oil company. Shorthand essential, age 28-35, £17,000 + benefits. Call 071 439 7001, Secretaries Plus - recruitment consultants.

£18,000 + bens. Sales/Market H'quarters of American Co., city based. WP 6.1, computer lit, min 2yrs Director level city exp, flexible attitude. Min age 30+. CA Agy 071-439 1188.

CHAIRMAN'S PA c20K W1 Co. Excellent SH/WP skills, motivation, flexibility & gd presentation. Min 2-3 Secretarial Personnel 071 224 0897.

CHISWICK! Some exciting opportunities have arisen within a flexible, young manufacturing company. They are looking for a Secretary to work for two busy executives. The ability to work without constant supervision is vital. £15,000, 60dys. They also need a Proposals Administrator with some secretarial experience. £16,000, 60dys. Use your advanced DTP skills for the presentation of important tenders/bids. Need the ability to work to stringent deadlines. The third position is for a Data Controller. £16,000 with good keyboard skills who must be a mature, self motivated and well organised individual with proven administrative experience. The ability to use Wordperfect 5.1 and computer literacy are of paramount importance for all the positions. If you are interested in any of them, please call Chloroe on 071-434 4512, Crone Corkill Recruitment Consultants.

c£20,000 + pd O/T + bnses. American city firm, confident SH, WP 6.1, stable CV. 'A' levels. Bexleyh, team exp. Age 30+. CA Agy 071 439 1188.

FINANCIAL PR £18,000. Administrator/Secretary for small, established Financial PR firm. Excellent communication and organisation skills combined with numeracy and good WP. Age 25+. Career Design Rec Cons 071 489 0889.

HANGER Lane NW10. PA/ Secretary to do lots of admin and WP 5.1 for MD. £18,000. Call 071 439 7001, Secretaries Plus - recruitment consultants.

INTERNATIONAL Media Sales Company - W1. Seeks PA/Sec, overall office Admin, positive approach, flexible with good skills, knowledge of W4W and S/Head. Energy and enthusiasm and initiative. C£12,000 A.A.E. DBA International - 7, Windmill St, London W1P 1HF. Tel 071-436 4333.

LEARN WordPerfect 5.1, Lotus 123, Word for Windows etc. Flexi, time/cost. 081 998 3857.

MODEL SECRETARY to travel between USA & UK. Must be outgoing. For appointment call 0895 448865 extn 146 for an interview.

PERSONNEL Assistant £15,000 + Bens. City firm require bright & capable assistant to work within busy Personnel Depart'mnt. Full sec + admin support to team. Typing 60wpm, DW4 & WordPerfect 5.1 skills, shorthand an advantage. 'A' level educated with a warm professional manner. Personnel exp not essential. (12 month contract). Call Nigel on 071 600 2802, fax 071 726 4290 Austen Gwynne Rec Cons.

SEC/ADMIN For small, friendly trade assoc in SW1. WP5.1 essential, good telephone manner. "GCSE's" (inc. English Lang & Maths). Would suit age 18-22. Salary £10,0SK - 11K. Applications in writing to: MCA, 11 West Halkin Street, London SW1X 8JL. (No Agencies).

SECRETARY £13,000 - £16,000 AAE plus bank benefits for prestigious banking organisation. 20's - early 30's. Sound work record combined with knowledge of MS Word for Windows and a min of 5 GCSE's. Gel Appointments Agy. 071-734 1052.

SECRETARY/PA/Office Manager - For young, lively (at times hectic) sales promo. agency in NW3. Organisation, thriving under pressure, flexibility plus accurate text fast typing (WP for Windows preferred) are essential. Some of business hotel Comp. salary. Send C.V. to S. Hughes, c/o 45 Lawford Road London NW5 2LG.

SECRETARY with s/hand, audio and WP skills. Pref Insurance or Financial exp req. Age 21+. Salary £max AAE+ benefits. Call Apex Agy. 071-734 1052.

TEMPTING TIMES

MATERNITY COVER

Recruitment consultants require receptionist /secretary (50wpm) to cover 6 months maternity leave (from May '93). Knowledge of Wordperfect essential together with confident telephone manner, audio typing skills and experience of general office procedure. Age 25+.

Please send your CV to Frances Nicholson, Knight Chapman Ltd, 11 Garrick Street, London WC2E 9AR or fax on 071 479 2133.

PROFILES

PART- TIME

Knightsbridge Chelsea based internationally experienced fast shorthand typist researcher, simple book keeping seeks post one day a week or more. Good time keeper and sense of humour.

Please Reply to Box No 1526

PA/ SECRETARY

Mature Sec (47) seeks position in City/West End/NW Kent where good speeds (100 SH/ 90 Typ). WordPerfect 5.1, 'A' levels & initiative are appreciated, & where people still smile. Maturity means commitment, high standards, varied experience and flexibility. Immediate start possible.

Please Reply to Box No 1534

ALL BOX NUMBER REPLIES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:

BOX No:- .....
C/o The Times Newspapers, P.O. BOX 484, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD

NEWS DATACOM
(MAIDENHEAD)

PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE SALARY COMMENSURATE WITH POSITION

HOURS: 9 AM to 6.30 PM/7PM.

Applications are invited for the position of Personal Assistant to the Chief Executive of News Datacom whose offices are situated at Maidenhead.

We are looking for a senior Personal Assistant with previous experience at Board Level, educated to A Level standard, with excellent secretarial skills (100/60, Microsoft Word). Knowledge of French/German would be an asset.

The key attributes for this position are: first class organisational ability, a professional and mature approach together with evidence of initiative and enthusiasm, and total commitment to the job with the willingness to work long hours.

There will be the occasional opportunity to travel.

Applications in writing enclosing CV together with daytime telephone number to B

CRÈME DE LA CRÈME

ALSO APPEARS IN

THE TIMES

ON MONDAY & THURSDAY

TO PLACE YOUR ADVERTISEMENT

TELEPHONE
071 481 9994
FAX 071 782 7828

PROPERTY

CHELSEA & KENSINGTON

ADDISON RD Kensington. Freehold house. 2 receptions. 1 dining. 7 bedrooms. 4 bathrooms. Conservatory. garden. double garage. Price reduction to £795,000 Tel: Regal Estates 071 603 7121

KENSINGTON W14 Refurbished 2 bed raised ground floor flat. Quick sale £79,000 Tel: 071 937 7744

CITY & WEST END

BARBICAN
Apartments available including studios from approx. £62,000
Daytime call 071-628 4848 or 071-628 4341
Evening call 071-628 4372

BARBICAN For lists of widest select of flats from £85,000 Call the specialists Frank Harris & Co 071 600 7000

BARBICAN 4 bed 2nd flr flat 24 hr porter £160,000. Frank Harris & Co 071 600 7000

2 BEDS - Edwardian Blk WC1. Raised ground flr 3 bed in p/b blk 200 mtrs transport. 992 yrs lse. £110,000. Frank Harris & Co 071 387 0077.

2 BEDS WC1. New to market. 2 bed 1st flr above shops. Newly refurbished. 125 years lease. £128,000 Frank Harris & Co 071 387 0077

CENTRAL clse amens. BR/tube.4 bed 2 bath lux flat with balconies private garden porterage etc. £145,000. 071-328 6545

GREENWICH & BLACKHEATH

WEST GREENWICH Grade 2 Georgian terraced house. 5 beds. 2 baths. Many original features. Park 2 mins, BR 5 mins. £395,000. 081 858 9624.

HAMPSTEAD & HIGHGATE

HIGHGATE N6 Beautiful 2 bed garden flat, near tube/ shops. £99,000. Tel 081 348 6368.

MAYFAIR

FINEST Selection of exclusive Mayfair apartments & houses. Horne & Sons 071 499 9344

ST JAMES'S SW1. Superb fully furnished 1 bedroom in mod block. 90 yrs lse £160,000. Horne & Son 071 499 9344

NORTH OF THE THAMES

FULHAM/Hurlingham. Attractive family house. 4 beds, 3 baths, dble recps, large kitchen/dining. Utility cellar. Large loft. Evergreen patio. Minutes tube/parks. £279,000. Tel: 071 736 1213

FULHAM Immaculate 4 bed fully modernised hse. 40ft secluded gdn. £178,000. 071 385 6944

KENTON Harrow 5 bedroom semi-det F/H hse o/looking green area. Near Metropltn and Jubilee tube stations. Near schools/shopping centres/ parks. Garage. GCH. Part d/glzs. No chain. Viewing Easter wkend or earlier. £83,000. Phone 081-204-5486.

LONDON NW11. Golders Hill Park. Detached double fronted house 10 rooms. 2 baths. kitchen and garage. £495,000. Tel: 081 455 6229.

N1 - Charming freehold house 2 bed. roof terrace, private parking. £129,000. 071 631 7277

ST JOHNS WOOD 1 bedroomed flat. 6th floor. good condition. £72,700. Phone: 071 229 0718

W2 4 bed, 3 bath, 2 rec period house. Garden. Being totally rebuilt. £400,000 John Anthony 071 727 8612

W11 2 bed flat. Share f/h. Notting Hill. £85,000. John Anthony 071 727 8612

SOUTH OF THE THAMES

BARNES, SW13
Superb 5 bedroom 2 bathroom Victorian family house with large south facing garden. Off Street Parking.
Must be seen £360,000
WHITMANS
081 747 8800

BATTERSEA 2 dble bed flat, dining room, lounge, kit, GCH, nr park and BR. Newly decorated. £89,000. Tel: 071 627 8563

RICHMOND & KINGSTON

SPECIAL SITUATION
Unique development at Hampton Court amidst the splendour of the Palace Gardens and the Parklands and River Thames. Homely, private and secure.
Superb new
4-BED HOUSES
Will consider all in the region of £240,000
for a quick exchange
OR FULL VALUE PART-EXCHANGE AVAILABLE
081-977 7211
(Sat and Sun)
or 081-640 0044

HAMPTON exceptional detached cottage with ½ acre gardens. Unusually spacious. 3 dbl beds. 2 baths. study, coachouse for 3 cars. + full s/p for additional executive hse. Unique property should be viewed. OIEO £290,000. Tel 081 979 0847

WESTMINSTER

MAIDA VALE - W9 Bright 1 bed designer's flat. lounge kit bath hall large south facing roof terrace gch immaculate condition long lease (H) 071 289 5894 (W) 071 370 4818. £72,000.

BERKSHIRE

COOKHAM DEAN
Riverside residence with far-reaching views and own mooring. Extensive accommodation of 6 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 4 reception rooms, separate 3-room pool wing. Swimming pool, double garage, over 1 acre grounds. The Frost Partnership: 0494 681234 or Pike, Smith & Kemp: 0628 21177 or call Sunday on 0628 488150

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

GEORGIAN F/hse with Victorian addition in 3 acres. Village cls M1 (J14). 5 beds, 3 receps Gas c/h, out bldgs. stables. Guide £300,000 Tel: 0234 712424

COTSWOLDS

BURFORD - ½ mile. Quality 3 bdrm Cotswold Stone House £135,000. 0993 823053.

OLD POST HOUSE, E. Glos village. 28ft draw rm. din rm. study, clock. 26ft kit/breakfast. 3 bed, 2 bath, dress rm. Dbl gge. 3rd acre gdns. stream. £175,000. 0242 890245

DEVON & CORNWALL

DARTMOUTH - Det cottage in sunny walled garden. Planning permission to extend. Offers £97,500. Tel: 0803 833834

10 OWNERS CHOOSE their 5 weeks each year in a Cottage & Group Own the 30 acre farm by the sea with private indoor pool, sauna, gym, bar, tennis etc. 1/2/3 beds fully equipped & managed. £12,950 to £28,950. For brochure: Freepost JG, Hope Barton Farm, Hope Cove, S. Devon. TQ7 1BR. 0548 561393.

EAST ANGLIA

DISS 2 mls. Detached Victorian country property. Peaceful, well maintained, 3 rec. 4 beds. dbl gge. Htng. Easy pretty gdn. Ref 1163 £108,950 Thos Wm Gaze & Son Diss 0379 641341

ESSEX

GREAT SALING Charming well maintained det thatched period cottage set in ½ acre garden with fine country views. 3 rec. 3 dble beds. 2 baths. 40 mins train London. £145,000 quick sale. 0371 860444.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

COTSWOLDS 1½ hours from London. Large Georgian rectory, grade II* recently refurbished to highest standard. Plus 2 bedroom cottage and large wing. Ideal for other purposes. 2nd wing to be restored. 7 acres with woodland, small lake and tennis court. 071 589 9007 or 0242 890818.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

NORTHLEACH 200 yr old stone cottage and terrace, quiet location. small south-facing gdn. 3/4 beds. gge. Convenient for A40. £79,950. 0451 860866

SHERBORNE HOUSE Ground floor appt. 2 upstairs beds. 1 ensuite, fitted kit/lounge. inglenook fire. hall. Shared 12 acre gardens. Indoor pool, tennis court. £78,000. 071 828 6471

HANTS., DORSET, AND I.O.W.

BOURNEMOUTH
Westcliff
Lge superior home/income cliff top posn uninterrupted seaviews. One of the finest residences. Owners accomm: superior drawing rm, billiard rm, 2nd recep, magnif cut hall, sun lnge, kit/b'fst, 4 beds, 2 baths, separate staff accom + 4 bed apt & 1 bed apt all with seaviews. Gge for 3 cars. 1 acre plot £595,000
WHITEHOUSE
0202 751333
or 0202 751222

WOOLLEY & WALLIS
New Forest-Burley
Detached thatched cottage in country lane location outside the village centre. 3 beds, 3 recepts, "inglenook and beams". Stables and an acre of garden and paddock.
Price Guide £215,000.
Ringwood Office 0425 472421

DETACHED village property. 4 beds, attic, 2 reception, ensuite, garage, garden. Available now. O.I.R.O. £127,000. Call: 0258 881168/881143

POOLE fabulous house. Superb harbour views, quiet location. Secluded garden, huge living area. 4 beds. Integral double garage. £185,000. 0202 744692

SANDBANKS Dorset. New flats. 2 dble beds. 2 bathrms. f/f kit, carpets, lift. Secure parking. 1 mins walk to beach and water sports. For further details tel: 0202 705190/ 709888. T

KENT

NEWNHAM, KENT
Grade II* village house within 7 miles of commuter rail link to London (61 mins). Fine period features restored by English Heritage. 3 recs, 5 beds, 2 baths, formal gardens. Woodland, swimming pool, outbuildings. Totalling nearly 3½ acres.
£329,000
BLACK HORSE AGENCIES
Geering & Colyer
Tel: 0795 538112

FARNBOROUGH 4 bed spacious 1930's semi, garage. 90ft secluded garden. £120,000. Freehold. 0689 851384

LINCOLNSHIRE

WOODHALL SPA:
Edwardian Family Residence in central position & nr Championship Golf Course. 4 Receps, fit Kit, Utility & Freezer Rms, 7 Beds, 2 Bath, Dble Gge. Gas CH. Delightful enclosed gdns. Cpts fitd £180,000
WOODROFFE WALTER
WILLIAM H BROWN
South St Horncastle
0507 526877

MIDLANDS

PICTURESQUE detached period cottage in quiet village. 4 miles Stratford upon Avon. 6 miles M40 access. Inglenook and beams. 2 recs, 3 beds, lge gge. Well stocked gdn. £185,000 for quick sale. 0684 795551

OXFORDSHIRE

A SUBSTANTIAL portion of Edwardian golf clubhouse. Private entrance. 4/5 beds, 3 lge recps, 12ft ceilings, lge fireplaces, 2/3 acre private gdn in woodland setting. Henley 6 mls £235,000. 0491 641407

SCOTLAND

OLD KIRKPATRICK
Nr Glasgow
Victorian Villa of considerable character. Secluded mature garden. Convenient City, Airport, country. 8/9 apartments. 3 bathrooms. Garage/3 cars. Extensive outbuildings with development potential
£140,000
Tel 0389 61055

ST ANDREWS, central. 5 bed flat, close to golf courses OIRO. £128,000. Tel 081 574 3779

SOUTH OF ENGLAND

FRIENDLY Couple seeks other 00 to find purchase and split large country house. 071 680 5790

National Property Exchange For the right people. NPE is Britain's biggest and best property exchange network, offering you the chance to make a property move for just £69. Call now for our FREE information pack. 0708 858800 24hrs.

SURREY

Unique character property situated in a minimum of 1 acre in secluded gardens. 3 reception rooms, 4 bedrooms, 1 large marble en suite. 29ft conservatory. £395,000.
Please call now for colour brochure. Tel: 0306 884153

SUSSEX

LEWES adjoining Castle precinct. Modern bijou cottage. Garden. reduced £75,000. 0273 473646

WALES

ABERSOCH - Owner furnished luxury holiday home, including 18 horse power Fletcher sport boat. 5 minutes from beach. £27,500. Tel 081 828 6010.

COUNTRY RENTALS

COTSWOLDS - Prof within 10 miles radius of Cirencester 2/3 bed det cottage - pref with grazing for horse (not essential) any cond. 0285 850037/ 0242 820872

WANTED! Professional seeks country or village period house (not cottage) in Kent or Suffolk for long let. Must be within easy reach of mainline station to London. 071 581 1817

MORTGAGES

MORTGAGES
Fixed from 5.4% & 6.3% APR.
Also to purchase second & third properties.
First Time Buyers: 4% fixed for 7 year.
Cambridgeshire & Hertfordshire Financial Services:
0223 290885/
0223 290766.
Your home is at risk if you do not keep up repayments on a mortgage or other loan secured on it

AUCTIONS

GA General Accident Property Services
MAJOR NATIONAL AUCTION
40 LOTS – THROUGHOUT UK
Mostly By Order of the Mortgagees
Houses, Flats, Shops, Guest House, Investments and FRANCE
TO BE HELD AT THE HEATHROW PARK HOTEL, MIDDLESEX ON THURSDAY 28TH APRIL 1993
TO OBTAIN A CATALOGUE
TELEPHONE 0705 871171 (24 HOURS)

For the results of all these Auctions held in London and more
Call the Auction reporting service.
Avise
Your information advantage
We provide the following immediately by fax:
Comprehensive results - The price at which unsold lots are available
- Details of forthcoming auctions
071 233 7000

EGERTON
FOR SALE BY AUCTION
28th APRIL 1993
(unless sold privately)
Broadway 2 Miles. Modernised House with 3 Recep, 4 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms.
S/C annexe with 2 Rooms. About 1 acre.
Apply Egerton, Tel. 071 493 0676.

Winkworth Auctions
MAJOR AUCTION SALE OF 59 LOTS
22nd APRIL 1993
At
KENSINGTON TOWN HALL, LONDON W8
Commencing 2pm prompt
Sale by order of Major Building Societies & Banks acting as Mortgagees in Possession, Trustees, Attorneys, Public Companies & Others.
Vacant houses, flats and commercial premises throughout London and Home Counties and some provincial areas.
For Catalogue phone:
0336 415200
Calls charged at 36p per min, cheap rate 48 per min, at other times.

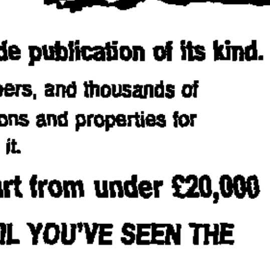
WHERE TO FIND THOUSANDS OF HOUSES THAT MUST BE SOLD

by order of banks, building societies and other lenders

DON'T MISS OUT

The PROPERTY Bid List is a unique portfolio packed with thousands of houses that MUST BE SOLD — BY ORDER

The PROPERTY Bid List shows you where to find them and what to do. It could make you significant savings, all for around 3p a day.

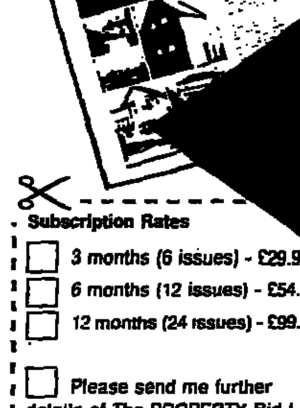


- ALL houses are vacant and immediately available
- sellers who must sell and who welcome offers
- you deal direct with the vendor's agent in the normal way
- no chains – so no wasted time or money
- up-dated and sent to you every fortnight

The PROPERTY Bid List is unique; the only nationwide publication of its kind.

Packed full of property details, agents' contact telephone numbers, and thousands of opportunities for bargains. Sections on new house sales, auctions and properties for renovation. For around 3p a day, you can't afford to be without it.

Houses, flats, maisonettes, cottages. Prices start from under £20,000



DON'T BUY A HOUSE UNTIL YOU'VE SEEN THE PROPERTY BID LIST. YOU COULD SAVE £000's by using the information contained in these pages.

Access to this vital property information is just a phone call away, or, if you prefer, post the attached coupon to: **The PROPERTY Bid List,** Clarehill Publishing plc, Dawes Court House, Dawes Court, High Street, Esher, KT10 9QD.

Tel: 0372 469111

Subscription Rates
☐ 3 months (6 issues) - £29.95
☐ 6 months (12 issues) - £54.95
☐ 12 months (24 issues) - £99.95

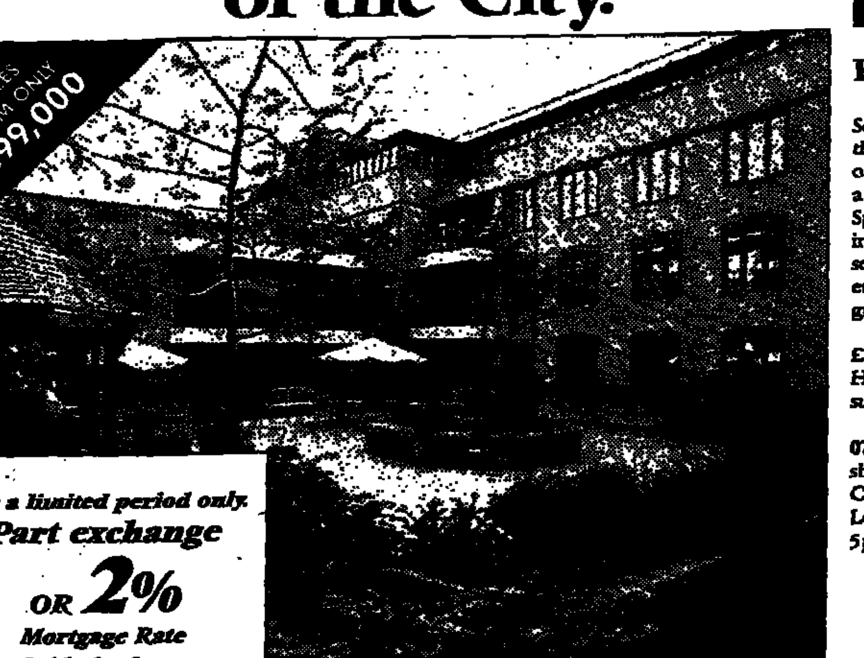
☐ Please send me further details of The PROPERTY Bid List (tick box applicable)

☐ If you do not want to receive further mailings from other carefully selected companies please tick here

Telephone now or post this coupon today!
I would like to subscribe to The PROPERTY Bid List and I enclose a cheque/postal order made payable to Clarehill Publishing plc for the total of £ ______
Name ______
Address ______
Postcode ______ Tel. No. ______
Or please debit my *Access/Visa account (*delete as applicable)
Card No. ______
Expiry Date ______
Post this coupon with your payment to: The PROPERTY Bid List, Clarehill Publishing plc, Dawes Court House, Dawes Court, High Street, Esher KT10 9QD.
Signature ✕ ______ ✕ (I am over 18)
TMS8

LONDON PROPERTY

A sense of time and place close to the heart of the City.





Hermitage Court E1

A few minutes walk from the Square Mile, outstanding one, two, three and four bedroom apartments of considerable character overlook a tranquil, landscaped courtyard. Special features you can choose include a sunny balcony or conservatory. There's porterage, video entryphone and secure underground parking.

And with prices starting at just £99,000, it's easy to see why Hermitage Court is such a quiet success.

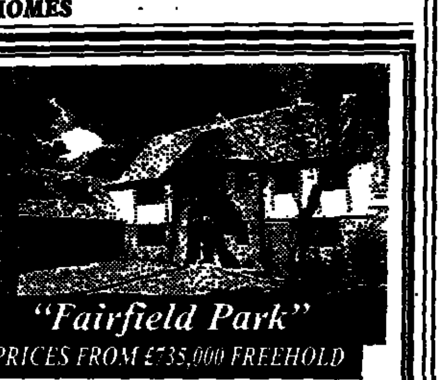
Telephone our Sales Office on 071-481 2457 (24 hrs), or visit the show apartments at Hermitage Court, off Wapping High Street, London E1, between 10am and 5pm, every day.

For a limited period only.
Part exchange
OR **2%**
Mortgage Rate subsidy for 2 years.

Bovis Homes

SUBJECT TO CONTRACT AND STATUS. OFFERS AVAILABLE FOR RESERVATIONS ON CERTAIN PLOTS BY 13/4/93. PRICES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS. ASK AT OUR SALES OFFICE FOR DETAILS

NEW HOMES



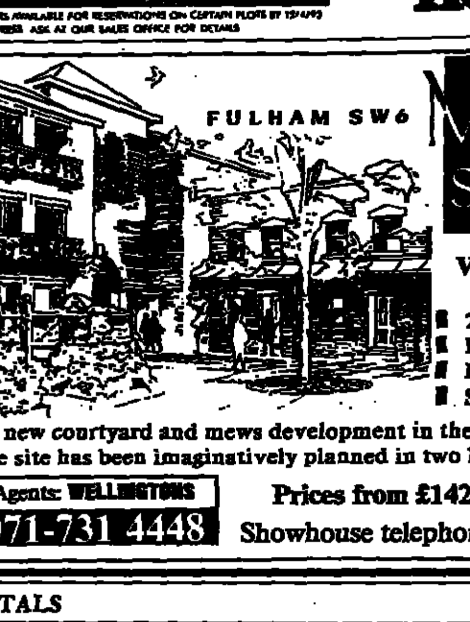
LEIGH HILL ROAD, COBHAM, SURREY
Open Wed-Sun 12.30-5.30

A superior development of seven substantial houses of differing types set in one of Cobham's most prestigious residential areas. These impressive new homes are built to exacting standards and offer impressive character and features such as inglenook fireplaces, winged staircases and galleried landings.

Accommodation includes:
- Five/six bedrooms each with bathroom en suite.
- Four excellent reception rooms, plus a playroom (Fairmile type).
- Superb luxury fully fitted kitchen/breakfast room. Conservatory (Eaton type).
- Full size billiards room.
- Leisure suite: Fitness area, sauna, spa and shower room.

ROY JAMES FANCY

For further information or a brochure contact:
ELMBRIDGE ESTATES PLC
Tel: (0483) 285888 or (0932) 336628 Fax (0483) 285668



Marryat square

VIEW TODAY
10am - 6pm
- 2 Bed 2 Bath Houses
- Fully fitted kitchens
- Individual Gardens
- Secure Car Parking

A new courtyard and mews development in the heart of Fulham. The site has been imaginatively planned in two landscaped squares

Agents: WELLINGTONS
071-731 4448

Prices from £142,500-£165,000
Showhouse telephone 071 -385 2499

BALEARICS

MAJORCA
Porto de Mar Andraitx. 1 bedroom spacious luxury apt f/f terr balc pool/gdn. Pan sea views. Reduced price £85,000 offers or p/ex UK property.
Tel 0656 871339.

FRANCE

FRANCE
VIDAUBAN (VAR)
Luxury street level villa in calm development in town centre near shops and sea front. 169 sqm on 640 sqm land, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, large dining - sitting room, new equipped kitchen, mezzanine floor, terrace, mature garden. Excellent burglar alarm system.
PRICE FF 1,750,000 ono
Tel for Appointment:
01033 94 73 56 26
Fax: 94 73 51 23

ALPS/LAKE GENEVA Ski. Sun. tennis. golf. Aparts. ff220,000+ Chalets ff680,000+ 25% owner ff 93,750+ Savoie Immobilier Ltd 0784 471577

ATLANTIC Coast - Vendee. New country style villa. 2 bedrms. kitchen-sitting room. bathroom. WC. garage, on 396 sqm land. 800m from sea. FF 490,000. Write C.A.B.C.I. Route de Sables. F-85800 Givrand

BERRY Touraine: Large selection of old houses, farmlets, attractively priced. Euro Immobilier. Eng spkg Ph: 01033 54-38 82 96 Fax 54 38 48 33

CAP FERRAT- Villa Franche We can offer an excellent selection of quality apartments/villas. Tel in the UK 0932 350928

CHARENTE 4 bed reno F/hse. Pool, 4½ acre, £60,000. Furn. Domus Abroad 071 431 4692

DORDOGNE Beautiful restored farmhouse set in 3 acres. 3 lge beds, 2 baths, very lge lounge/diner. f/f kit. pool & barns. 10mins Bergerac. £185,000. 0883 673013

35kms Sth. of Bergerac. 2 bed f'mhse Renov. 2 terr. Mezz. Barn. 2nd hse to renovate. Tranquil 1.2 hect. 620,000FF. 01033 53406174 (Eng spking)

ITALY

TUSCANY 2 Villas in 5½ acres. Vineyard. Stream. Superb views. Easy to reach beach & old area. £315,000 Freehold. Domus Abroad 071 431 4692.

PORTUGAL

ALGARVE - Detached Villa set in lanscaped grounds in beautiful countryside close to all amenities. 2 bdrms. 2 bthrms. with level lounge, fit kit, f/f with Pvte pool & tennis ct, £180,000 081 839 0428 (Daytime).

ALGARVE Many villa bargains by buying direct from the builder. Contact Portogos, Tel 081 861 1012 or Portugal 010 351 82 341035 Fax 82 341285

LAND for sale, 2,828 sq m plot at Arcias De Pera set amongst orchards and vineyards yet only 30 mins from airport and close to the N125. Pp for large detached villa. English speaking solicitor available in Portugal. Ring 0937 580688 day. 0532 614186 eves/weekends

U.S.A.

NEW YORK. Now is the time to buy. Top apartment and house listings. Let us help. Tel/fax 071 2353808.

SWITZERLAND

BARGAIN reduced for quick sale 2 bed apart in pretty chalet, satisfactory balcony approx £160,000 inc furniture & garage. Osborne Solicitors 93 Parkway London NW1 7PP. Tel: 071 485 8811

SPAIN

LOS MONTEROS
Exclusive Villa, 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, large pool, garage, barbecue house. Plot 2,000 sq metres, construction for 50 metres. Close to beach. Must be viewed, price to sale quickly.
0704 501212
0704 579538 (w/ends).

MARBELLA Must sell. 3 bed. 2 bath hse. Own pool. Idyllic sea views £79,000 ft 0926 422783

TIMESHARE U.K.

CHRISTMAS WEEK Timeshare. 5 star luxury development. Barnsdale Country Club, Rutland. Exclusive 3 bedroomed deluxe suite in original Manor House, use of facilities available all year round. £12,500. Tel: 0283 790323 (before 8pm)

LAND FOR SALE

FOR SALE
Major investment or development opportunity.
Approx 17 acres of building land with full details planning permission for residential development, Residential mobile home park, commercial or industrial use,
Lincolnshire area.
Offers in the region of £495,000.
For further information
Tel 0754 766429 or 0836 557099 anytime

UNSPOILT COASTAL VILLAGE
60 miles north of Lisbon.
Development site for 11 houses with detailed planning permission.
Details on application.
Tel: 0832 5221

RETIREMENT HOMES

GOING ABROAD?
At last. You can take a real holiday - exotic climes, a cruise perhaps. When you return to an English Courtyard development, you know your home is secure. Living in one of our cottages or apartments means that the resident warden will keep an eye on your home and belongings. Even your plants can be cared for.

Properties now available at Pantiles Court, our latest retirement development at Sherfield in the Vale, Clent. Prices from £172,500. To find out more about these and other properties in Bucks, Kent, Wilts and Somerset, ring us for a brochure.

The English Courtyard Association
8 Holland Street, London W8 4LT.
FREEPHONE 0800 220858.

PROPERTY WANTED

EXECUTIVE HOMES required for private purchase. National Relocation 0206 764262

FLATS TO LET

FULHAM 2 dbl bed gdn form flat. Fulham B'Way 10 mins. £185pw exc. 081 870 6714.

HOUSES TO LET

GREENWICH - 3 Bed Furn house and gdn. All mod cons. 2 mins BR. park, leisure cent. £225 pw. 071 794 6142.

W14 - Quiet Lux 2 bedrm townhse. Garden and parking. 8 minutes Tube. 1 year. £220 per week. 081 748 2442.

RENTALS

LUXURY PENTHOUSE AND FOUR 2 BEDROOM APARTMENTS
CARLTON GATE LONDON W9
A Magnificent canalside development with leisure club membership, 24 hr uniformed security, private underground parking, landscaped gardens. Each apartment is brand new and available either furnished or unfurnished
PRICES FROM £240pw - £285pw FOR 2 BEDROOMS
Viewing any evening of Easter Weekend
071 2842888 and 071 266 4949
DENNIS & HAYES ESTATE AGENTS

LONDON LIFE APARTMENTS

BELGRAVIA A spectacular Ambassadorial wide stucco house. Unfurnished. 3 receptions overlooking beautiful communal gardens. 4 double beds, 4 baths, large f/f eat in kitchen, laundry room, cloakroom, large terrace £1,100pw

KENSINGTON Period house. Furnished. 5 beds, 3 baths, 2 receptions, small conservatory, large f/f kitchen, lost of storage room, large garden, 2 parking spaces outside house £750pw

KNIGHTSBRIDGE A spectacular interior designed flat, high ceilings, 2 large receptions, large eat in f/f kit, 3 dble beds, 3 baths with jacuzzi, cable tv. Excellent condition and security £620pw

CHELSEA Beautiful interior designed 1 dble bed flat, reception, f/f kitchen bath 1 min Sloane Sq £170pw

KNIGHTSBRIDGE Bright unfurnished flat. 1 dble bed, reception, kitchenette, bath Excellent building good security 140pw

071 225 0102

WEST END ESTATES
(071) 794-1000

NELL GWYNN HSE, Sloane Ave SW3 - £150pw.
Studio flt in prestig blk. 24hr prtr, lift, inc CHW & CH. Own bath & kit. Nr Harrods.

WEST HEATH ROAD NW3 - £350pw
Lux p/b 3 bed (2 dbl), 2 bath (1e/s), 2nd flr flat. Kit/din, dw, wd & ff. Bright rec with balc, osp, lift, porter, video entry. Nr Hampstead Heath.

CREDITON HILL NW6 £350pw furn /£300 unfurn
New conv. 1st flr 3 bedrooms, 3 bath (2 e/s), lge sunny recep with balc overlooking tennis club. Sep kit fully fitted. GCH. entryphone. Close tube/shops.

MANOR HOUSE DRIVE NW6 - £1000pw.
Ambassadorial det 8 bed hse. Liv rm, din rm, kit/diner, util area, 2 bath (1e/s), 2 shr rms (1 e/s), guest wc. Gdn/patio, dbl elect gge, carriage drive, video entryphone & alarm

FREE LIST
Shares/Studios/flats & houses
All areas. £30pw-£1,500pw
071 713 7134

PROPERTIES OF THE DAY
Barnet 2b £150 081 883 9098
Belvdre 2b £110 0836 810065
E1 shre £73 071 481 3860
E2 1bed £160 071 613 0355
E11 Shre £48 081 539 7123
Edgwre 2b £130 081 905 3141
Esher 5b £115 071 837 7884
Henly stdo £60 071 603 4098
Hnslow 4b £210 081 572 0588
Molesly 2b £170 081 941 3497
Morden 3b £138 081 767 0977
N1 2bed £175 071 377 1484
N1 Shre £60+ 071 739 3041
N8 Shre £73 081 348 3570
N4 1bed £150 071 263 6428
N6 1bed £185 071 485 0182
N13 2bed £180 081 882 3321
NW6 2bed £185 0727 865718
NW8 2bd £170 081 594 7611
NW11 5dets £330 081 455 0812
SE1 Shre £82 071 701 8745
SE4 4bed £250 081 692 2914
SE15 3bed £135 081 299 1711
SE15 4bed £178 081 299 1711
SE19 2rms £58 081 761 0591
SE23 shre £58 081 699 4405
SE27 2bd £230 081 761 2202
SW4 shre £100 071 673 4891
SW8 1bed £155 0747 840104
SW8 stdo £140 081 874 4589
SW11 2bd £185 0889 580184
SW11 2bd £175 081 871 8854
SW16 3bd £180 081 653 5407
W2 1 bed £185 071 724 0470
W8 Stdo £162 071 727 4571

PREMIER LOCATION
SLOANE AVENUE SW3
Fully serviced spacious s/c flats. Prices from £240 per week inclusive of electricity, central heating & hot water, maid service, linen, Health Club, parking, excellent transport & shopping facilities.
Minimum Rental One Calendar Month.
071-584 8317/8
NELL GWYNN HOUSE

BARBICAN
Unfurnished 3 bedroom accommodation for rent.
Rents from approx £12,000pa which include all services & background heating.
Daytime call 071 628 4848 or 071 628 4341.
Evening call 071 628 4372

F.W. GAPP
Small, busy Rental Office require a
SENIOR NEGOTIATOR
with a proven track record and lots of enthusiasm. Generous package offered

The Property Managers
071-243 0964

A.M.A. INTERNATIONAL Luxury flats for long, short or holiday lets. Mayfair, Marble Arch and Hyde Park. 071 724 4844

ACADEMICS Short/Long lets in Central London. Sabbatical Homes Tel/Fax 081 740 9563

A Fabulous lnt des 3 bed 3 bath 1st floor flat in SW5, impressive 40ft recep, french doors to full length terr o/look beautiful gdn Sq £690pw 071 370 6781 t

A LIMITED number of unfurnished flats to let in prestige block with pool gymnasium & restaurant SW1. Reception room , bedroom, bathroom & kitchen. Rental inc of all service charges. CH & HW. From £675 pcm. 071-798 8785 (office hrs)

AMERICAN BANK/ Italian Bank - We have been instructed to Relocate 200 employees in Central London, SW1/3/7 & W8. Requirements range from 1/5 beds. Furn or Unfurn for 1/5 years ranging from £300 - £800pw. Guaranteed Gold Service Burgess 581 5136

ARE YOU visiting London? Central Estates have numerous flats and houses available from £200 pw. 071-491-3609.

BAKER ST, Park Rd opp Park. Outstanding lnt des bled a terre. F/furn 1 dble bed, recep/diner Long let only £175pw. 081-343 3180 or 0831 447889

BALHAM Superb 6 bed house. recept. dining rm. 2 bath, gdn. furn. £360 pw. 081 6738881

BARBICAN, EC2. 37th floor. stunning views, 3 bed. large rec, bath. shower, avail now. must let. £300 pw. no offers. Goddard & Smith 071 9307321

BARNES Family house. 4 beds. 2 baths, 2 reception rooms. kitchen, garage, garden. £1,800 pcm. Tel: 0747 840 087.

BATTERSEA SW8. lux one bed flat, pool, gym, underground parking, £260 pw 081 7428486

BAYSWATER Mod bldg 1st apt with gge 2 beds 2 baths recep f/f kit £285pw Park Lane Estates 071 629 0763

BELGRAVIA short let. 2 bdrm lux flat Pvte Gdn, Caretaker Avail 10/4 for 2 mo. £275pw Refs req. 071-245 6271

BELGRAVIA - Beautiful 2 bed maisonette. £595 pw. Tel 087 748 8488.

BRUSSELS -ladies. From May 20-July 30. New charming studio flat, with kit and bathrm. F/furn. £100 pw. 0932 248148

C. LONDON 1, 2, 3 Lux F/F flats, GCH, avail immed, nr tube frm £200 pw. 071 589 8164/ 973 8866 Ext 214/309

CENTRAL CITY refurb 2 bedroom flat in listed building. Looks onto The Hon. Artillery Company Grnds £300pw KWF 071 628 2873

CHELSEA - beautiful large 2 double bed mansion flat £295 pw. Tel 081 748 8488.

CHISWICK Dble bed flat, 26ft recep, kitch, bath, gas c/h, pkg. £680 pcm. 081 748 8779.

CHELSEA, Attractive modern redecorated 2nd floor flat with covered parking space in portered block available for 6 mnths min let. 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite) Large reception, dining, kitchen, bathroom. £600pw Tel: 0362 87383

COVENT GDN Spacious 1 bed flat, f/furn & equip close tube mod kit & bath £220pw Drury 071 379 4816

CRYSTAL PALACE lux 2 bed F/F flat. Fitted kitchen, washing m/c, TV, gge, Close shops and BR. 20 mins Victoria/City. £430 pcm. 081 299 1711 (Pat).

EALING Lge lux hse. 3/4 bed, 3 rec. grge. fully mod. suit prof. £1,100pcm. 081 866 1448.

EALING Lux new hse 4 beds 3 baths. 2 rec. conservatory gdn. gge. £525pw. 071-724 4486

FINCHLEY N3 F/furnished 4 bed spacious house of character in excellent condition nr Tube. £510 pw. Tel: 081 889 6810

FULHAM Large 1 bed garden flat GCH unfurnished 5 mins tube £600 pcm 071-385 3608

HARROW ON HILL 2 lovely flats in Regency Mansion from £125pw Owner 081 998 0021

HENRY & JAMES Contact us now on 071-235 8861 for the best selection of furnished flats and houses to rent in Belgravia, Knightsbridge and Chelsea.

HEREFORD RD W2 Lux 2 bed 2 bath ff flat garage balc £450pw Exec Homes 071 724 9919

HIGHGATE N6. Immac 2 dble bed flat, 2 ensuite baths, garage. £275 pw. Tel 081 748 8488.

HOLLAND PK Lux period 1 bed, recep f/furn apartment £170pw 071 603 9145

HYDE PARK Flat with 3 dble beds, 2 bath, recep & kit. F/furn Superb location, mins to Hyde Pk, tube, Whiteleys West End. £500pw CCS 071 431 2888

KENSINGTON - Lovely one bedroomed flat in secure mews-style development overlooking cobbled square, including garage. £145 p.w. Tel 071 491 6560

KENSINGTON DUPLEX Penthouse . 2 receptions, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths guest w/c, terrace, garage, £800pw. Tel: Regal Estates 071 603 7121

KENSINGTON SW5 Clse tube. Vast 1st flr 2 bedrm conv. Elegant furn F/F kit & table. Bath + shwr £240pw 071 244 8899.

KENSINGTON lge lux 2 dble bed hse, exceptional decor nr tube £250pw 071-731 8801

KINGS RD SW3 Immac 1 bed vgc furn flat porter lift all mod cons £190pw 081-346 4938 t

KNIGHTSBRIDGE Fully furnished 5th floor flat in Lowndes Sq for long let, 2 bedrooms, sitting/ dining, kitchen, bathroom £460pw 0362 87383

KNIGHTSBRIDGE. Lux 4 bed flat, 2 bath. Newly decorated, Short or long let. 071 638 3838

LUXURY garden flat, in quiet gdn square. Central. Suit one/ couple. £150 pw. 071 229 6697

MAIDA VALE New refurb mais 3 dble beds 2 marble baths recep dining rm gas log fire. gdn. Suit prof sharers. £385pw. 071-724 4465 t

MAIDA VALE Sunny, modern 2 bed 2 bath flat, all new 1 year ago. Near Tube £240pw CCS 071 431 2888

MANAGEMENT & Letting Dulwich & surrounding areas Volker & Volker 081 670 8000

MAYFAIR Hyde Pk Marylebone Largest selection of lux short term lets. Friendly service Globe Apts 071 935 9512

MAYFAIR/Chelsea areas 2 & 3 bed flats avail immed f/f luxury from £280pw 071 355 1166t

MAYFAIR/ Knightsbridge. Chelsea. Lux f/f 1,2,3 bed flats avail now fr £200pw 071 355 1156

NEWLY DEC Mews house just off Montague Sq. 2 beds, bath shwr recep kit gge. furn/unfurn £265pw P L E 071 629 0763

NOTTING HILL W11 4 bed/ 2 bath furn hse nr stn all mod cons £350pw 081 346 4938 t

PARSONS GREEN Fabulous 3 bed house. Suit Bank £375pw Gavin Cowper 071 351 6732

ROEHAMPTON - Large detached house in ½ acre garden. 2 recept. 6 beds. 2 baths. kitchen/dining, utility rm, dble gge. £650 pw. 071 352 0245.

SEYMOUR WALK SW10 Luxury period house. 4 bedrm. 2 baths. lge recpt. kitchen/dining. CH. all machines, Patio. £595 pw. Tel: 071 352 0245.

SHORT let. W14. 1 min Man small newly converted lnt designed house. 3 bedrms. £2,800 pcm Tel: 071 371 3815.

SLOANE ST bargain 3 bed/2 bath furn duplex flat porter pkng £395pw 081 346 4938 t

ST JAMES SQUARE, 1/2 bed lux f/f flats from £300pw Exec Homes 071 724 9919

SW1 Elegant & beautiful furnished garden flat. Large sitting room, din room, dble bed & b & patio £195pw 071-828 3656

SW1 F/furn 3 bed lux flat, jacuzzi, sauna, access to private gdns £560pw 071 828 8448 t

SW7 Lux & new refurb 2 bed 2 bath apt in lux block. f/f £375pw 071-589 4879 t

SW1 Pimlico Attractive 1 bed, recep, bath & super kit dish wash, wash mach micro etc £780pcm 071 834 1026 t

SW1 Pimlico Large 2 bed 2 reception, kit & bath, wash mach £900pcm 071 834 1026 t

WE HAVE a small selection of furnished/ unfurnished flats/ houses to let in Battersea & Wandsworth. Moreton Riches 92 East Hill, Wandsworth, London, SW18. 081-874 4166

WESTMINSTER Quiet 2 bed room flat, 5 mile view, redecorated. £225pw. 071 828 8645

W1 Lux refurb 2 bed balc flat marble bath, cloakroom. £385pw. 071-724 4486

مأخوذ من الأصل

Rachel Kelly explains what the much-heralded East Thames Corridor will really be like

How far is it to the new city?

The government's plans for a new city to the east of London announced last month were full of sound and fury, but signified very little to most people. What will the new city look like and where exactly will it be built?

The government has been economical with its answers, chiefly because it doesn't know. There are innumerable "ifs", "buts" and "maybes" to its plans. Indeed, the report by the consultants commissioned by the government, Llewelyn Davies, suggests five different possibilities for development in the area.

Instead of a development similar to Docklands, where planners can give full reign to a grand design, plans for the East Thames Corridor are far more ad hoc. Michael Howard, the environment secretary and guiding force behind the development, has made clear that there is no single design blueprint to be imposed by Whitehall. The keyword is flexibility.

The first stage, until the end of the year, and the only stage so far to receive government commitment, is consultative. Mr Howard has set up a task force, led by Michael Ash, a senior civil servant. Mr Ash and other civil servants from the transport department and the trade department, will consult local councils and private firms to establish a strategy for the development.

It is a mistake to think in terms of a linear city — unending blocks of concrete stretched along sweeps of railway and road. The confusion is understandable. Michael Heseltine, when he originally put forward his ideas for the East Thames Corridor, did think in such terms. The recession has brought a more sober vision.

Mr Howard's development is best imagined as a string of mini new towns. These pockets of hope and development will thread their way through the broad sweep of land 30 miles either side of the Thames, linked by improved transport facilities and surrounded by greenery.

The area is dotted with some of the country's finest conservation areas for migrating birds. Mr Howard has said that one of his objectives is to raise the area's environmental quality, to safeguard its internationally important wildlife habitat. Large parts of the Swale, the Medway Estuary and the mudflats of the Hoo Penisular and the Elmley Marshes on the Isle of Sheppey on the south bank of the Thames estuary, are designated as Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

Again, in an effort to avoid the mistakes of Docklands, Mr Howard is determined that developments should coincide with new infrastructure. Transport, according to Professor Peter Hall, Mr Howard's planning adviser, is the "maker or breaker" of cities. In addition to the Channel tunnel rail link, Mr Howard promises improvements to the railway services to Tilbury and Southend, upgraded road links, and extensions to the Docklands light railway.

> The area is best imagined as a string of mini new towns

Much remains in the balance. Housebuilders are sceptical of the government's commitment, either to invest in infrastructure beyond plans already announced or to clean contaminated land. Almost 20 per cent of the land is polluted by industrial or other activities. Llewelyn Davies estimates that environmental improvements will cost £120-£150 million if development is intensive. A further £40-£120 million would be needed for undergrounding power lines which criss-cross the area like a cat's-cradle. The task force has yet to report.

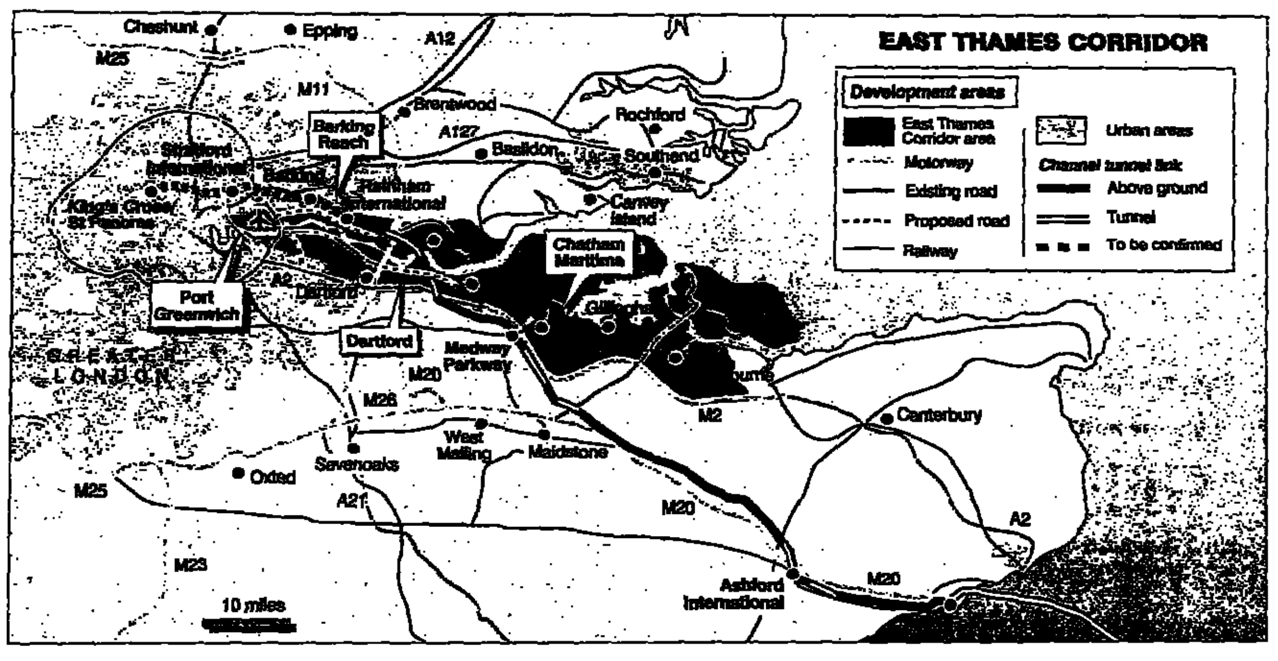
Meanwhile, four private sector schemes at Dartford, Port Greenwich, Chatham Maritime and Barking Reach, which have all been given planning permission (see right), give a sense of what future development in the corridor may be like.

The schemes are to be built largely on derelict land, some of it contaminated: at Dartford, 90 per cent of the land was previously dominated by a cement factory; at Chatham Maritime, the land was once part of the naval dockyards; at Barking Reach, the site was derelict. The first houses should be on sale next spring. Other development in the east Thames could be much longer in coming.

M.W.RICHARDS/RSPB



Far from the madding crowd: havens for wildlife, such as Elmley Marsh, above, will be protected from development



FOUR DEVELOPMENTS, THOUSANDS OF HOMES — AND A NEW RAILWAY LINE

CHATHAM MARITIME

On a 350-acre site between Rochester and Gillingham, Kent English Estates plans to build 2,000 homes, a marina, a 67-acre enterprise zone and two million sq ft of commercial buildings. Fifteen hundred of the homes will be built as a joint venture with Countryside Properties on 100 acres in an area known as St Mary's Island. This will become a residential community. A school, church, shopping centre, leisure and health centres are also planned. The other 500 homes will be built among the commercial property.

DARTFORD

Blue Circle Properties has 2,500 acres of land between Dartford and Gravesend which has been designated Eurocity Dartford. This area will be capable of taking 12,500 homes and providing up to 34,500 jobs. Blue Circle is looking for a joint development partner. The company hopes that a train station will be built connecting with the international station at Dartford. There will be a mix of house types and sizes, together with business, conference and leisure centres.

BARKING REACH

Six thousand housing units, mostly of family accommodation, are to be built on 800 acres stretching from the River Roding to the Ford motor works at Dagenham and north/south from the London to Southend railway line to the Thames. The London Borough of Barking and Dagenham, in conjunction with National Power (whose land it is) and Bellway Homes will be looking to build 25 per cent "affordable" housing, with the medium to higher range of homes being on the two miles of river frontage. The project will be built around existing canals and there will be nothing over three storeys high. The borough hopes that the scheme will give local people a chance to move up the housing ladder into a three or four-bedroom house with garden. The new town will eventually have a 15,000 population. Three to four sites will be designated nature conservancy areas and a park will divide the residential area from a new manufacturing area to the east.

PORT GREENWICH

British Gas Properties has a 296-acre site on the Greenwich peninsular about which the finer details are still to be completed. Plans at the moment are for 130 acres to be used for 5,500 homes. 50 acres will go to business use, 20 acres as a shopping area, and 40 acres of public open space. A listed terrace of houses and pub will be preserved and there will also be a new school. So far no developer has been decided on. The company's other site, Gallions Reach, Beckton, will be developed for industrial, retail and office use.

A village for living in

Variety is the key to developing a community from scratch

The birth of a new village in Essex was marked last week by the planting of a tree. The gesture was appropriate. What will become Great Notley is described by the developers as a "garden village".

On the other side of Britain, Tircoed Forest Village, eight miles north of Swansea, is taking shape in a clearing of Penllergaer Forest — Tircoed is Welsh for "A place in the woods."

These are two of the seven new towns or villages which are being built in Britain, according to the environment department. Most of the 200 other villages that were on planning authority books in 1991 have fallen foul of planners, protesters or the recession. Yet the government estimates that 2.8 million new homes will be needed in England and Wales between 1991 and 2011.

Nothing causes more controversy among conservationists, developers and planners than new villages. Tony Burton, senior planner of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, says: "We don't need them to accommodate housing needs, we think there is sufficient capacity in and around towns to create housing in a less damaging way."

The Town and Country Planning Association disagrees. David Hall, its director, says: "There are various advantages in creating new villages: because you start from scratch you can get a better balance, and this is important in the context of trying to go for sustainability." The best argument for new villages, Mr Hall says, is that people want to live in them.

The most striking feature about plans for Great Notley is the rural, spacious feel, a throw-back to Sir Ebenezer Howard's garden city ideas for Letchworth and Welwyn Garden City.

Countryside Properties, the developer, has gone to some lengths to imbue the village with what it calls "great character". At the village's heart will be a green. There will be a public house, a community centre, a church, a school, a £1.4 million sports centre, an all-weather pitch, a doctor's surgery, a supermarket, a post office and shops. A 400,000 sq ft business park will include a hotel and conference facilities.

The clusters of 2,400 new homes, of all types, three miles from Braintree, will embody much of the current thinking on creative planning, and could set a refreshing trend. "Landscaping can make such a difference, we want to create a mature environment as quickly as possible," Richard Cherry, Countryside's managing director, says. "The buildings are important too and by using a variety of local materials and different elevational forms we can vary their style."

> 'We want to create a mature setting as quickly as possible'

The village has been planned in conjunction with Braintree District Council. "There was a good spirit about the whole thing from the start," says Roger Barrett, the council's director of planning. "We hope Great Notley will be remarkable for its design and layout and that we can use it as a prototype."

Meanwhile, in Tircoed, the first householders are already settling in. The four partners in the Pentref Development Company, which is creating the village, hope eventually to apply Sir Ebenezer's principles to other sites.

Since the company is not run for profit — the four have worked only for their fees — house prices are competitive, between £48,000 and £100,000. Of the 48 houses in the first phase, 38 have been sold. The next phase includes 30 sheltered homes and 15 plots for self-builders.

"We admire the social values of Howard's thinking," says Bernard Williams, a surveyor and one of the Pentref partners. "We wanted to create an example of how a community could be built, and wanted to be free of the commercial ethic. We don't admire the typical housing estate."

The 500 homes will be divided into seven hamlets. There will be a variety of housing types in mixed groupings, and a village pond. Any profits (there can be none until hamlet five is finished) will go to a village trust to spend on the community.

CHRISTINE WEBB

Give us the old, old storeys

The collapse of a Glasgow tenement should not blight all such properties

Glasgow's typical four-storey tenement buildings came into sharp focus last week with the collapse of a block, trapping a woman for three hours.

Nobody had identified the cause of the collapse of the building in Springfield Road, a recently refurbished sandstone block owned by Parkhead Housing Association. Naturally, tenement-dwellers are worried. Are they living in death-traps?

Experts say that the construction of tenements, most of which were put up in the 1870s, is less at fault than the land beneath, much of which contains mine workings. In the case of Springfield Road, the block was next to a plot where foundations were being dug for new houses.

Keith Kintree, a lecturer from Glasgow University's centre of housing research, says: "Tenements usually collapse because of the land on which they were built. Much of Glasgow is built on old mines and coal workings, and a lot of instability is caused by the hollow land underneath buildings. They are often built on infill sites, rubble or old refuse tips."

The city's estimated 150,000 tenement buildings are, therefore, only slightly more dangerous than other residential buildings in the city, according to Mr Kintree. "It would be wrong to label these buildings as death-traps," he says. "They are only slightly more at risk compared with other residential structures of the same age because they are taller and more complex buildings. There's more to go wrong, and when it does, it affects more people."

Scottish Homes, the quango which funds housing associations, confirms that there have been very few collapses in Glasgow in the past ten years.

At the end of the second world war, about 750,000 of Glasgow's one million inhabitants lived in the city's estimated 210,000 tenement buildings, both in the public and private sector. In 1957, on a wave of optimism, planners decided to rip down the city's 19th century housing and replace it with high-rise flats in 29 development areas. About 97,000 tenement buildings were to be demolished. By the end of the 1960s, 60,000 buildings had gone.



Ruined homes: the collapsed tenement in Springfield Road

By the 1970s, there was a backlash against clearance and demolition throughout the country, not just because of social disruption to the communities based round a tenement's "close" — the corridor running through the building — but also because of the cost. Extensive refurbishment of the city's tenements has followed, led by Scottish Homes. The Gorbals, once home to 100,000 people living in closely packed blocks, is to be redeveloped with new tenement buildings. The architects CZGW, from London, will build the four-storey blocks in partnership with Scottish Homes.

Over the past ten to 15 years, housing associations and Glasgow's local authority have made grants available to private landlords and owners for the renovation of tenements. Consequently, the sort of buildings which gave tenements a bad name and reputation still exist but are becoming less common. There has been a general upgrading, with appearances improved by sandblasting and external repairs, and many have also been refurbished internally.

The agents Hacking and Paterson deal with a large number and wide variety of tenements. Ian Hart, a partner, says that large properties in the West End of the city are very popular. These were mainly built at the turn of the century out of red sandstone, and, although many suffered war damage, they are, Mr Hart says, "still very attractive and tend to sell quickly".

Prices range from £80,000 to £130,000. Smaller flats go for £30,000 to £50,000 and the market is being kept buoyant by first-time buyers. Recently, Mr Hart sold a three-bedroom tenement flat for £98,000. Another, a decently proportioned two-bed first floor apartment in a red sandstone building, went for £87,000.

Tenement flats usually have generously proportioned rooms with high ceilings. Mr Hart says: "There is a huge difference between them and modern flats, and they remain more popular."

Maitland Walker, a valuer at Slater Hogg and Howison, contends that tenements "represent good value for money at the moment". But he emphasises that because tenements are a city-wide phenomenon there is a vast range in value, location and quality. "The demand for quality tenement flats in certain parts of the West End, such as North Kelvinside, Broomhill and particularly Hyndland, is constant and they have never stopped moving."

This year Slater Hogg and Howison had a three-bedroom flat in Hyndland on the market at £93,000 which was sold for £103,000. A one-bedroom flat also went for 10 per cent over the base price. Mr Walker says: "The top end is selling well, and there is competition but prices must be keen."

RACHEL KELLY

From a stately home to a sad monument

The failing fortunes of Revesby Abbey reflect a market in the doldrums

Revesby Abbey, a mid Victorian Grade I listed house in Lincolnshire, was auctioned last week. Built in the Elizabethan style from Ancaster stone and noted for its fine sub-Renaissance detailing, it was sold to an unidentified buyer for a knock-down price of £41,000.

But this is not just another simple recession story of falling prices. Behind the descriptions and the price lies a now familiar tale of neglect. As developers have gone bust or dormant, more and more stately homes which might once have become hotels or golf clubs are left to the elements. Neil Burton, English Heritage's inspector for Lincolnshire, says that the house needs a considerable amount of money spent on it.

Revesby Abbey's history started in 1844 when it was designed by William Burn, the Scottish country house architect, for the Stanhope family, local landed aristocracy. After the second world war it was converted into flats and gradually fell into neglect and near dereliction.

The conservation officer for the local authority, Robert Walker, has worked hard to rescue the house but found that with existing powers, and the limited means of a rural council, even the repair work was out of the question. For this reason, English Heritage became involved. In 1988 it persuaded the secretary of state to serve a notice on the abbey's owner and landlady requiring urgent repairs. English Heritage picked up the bill for this holding operation before taking the owner to court to recover the costs. The owner then sold the house for about a quarter of a million pounds to the property developers, the FIL group. The arrival of the recession mean that the company was not able to develop the abbey, so the building's decline continued.

The case of Revesby Abbey is unusual only for the amount of attention it has received. Its problems are all too common. Save Britain's Heritage is a pressure group which highlights the plight of neglected historic buildings. In its last report are included a great number of buildings purchased in the late 1980s by developers who are sitting on them waiting for better times. This may be an economic necessity but, as Anthony Peers, Save's assistant secretary, says: "You can't just leave historic buildings for five or six years without a serious deterioration occurring."

With limited powers and resources, it is difficult to see what councils can do to solve the problem. There are signs that Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, may incline more to intervention. His department is at present considering whether to issue a compulsory purchase order on a Grade I listed crescent in Buxton, Derbyshire.

What of Revesby Abbey's future? Mr Burton, at English Heritage, says: "The sale is a key element but it is only the starting point." He fears that the new owners will find it almost as difficult as the last to come up with a beneficial use for the house.



Story of neglect: Revesby Abbey went for a knock-down price

Mr Burton asserts that English Heritage is "determined that it won't stay untouched as it has done". Mr Walker is equally cautious in his welcome of the sale, saying: "It offers some encouragement, and its price is at least a realistic reflection of the state of the building."

JAMES FISHER

Tapie adopts fatherly approach for cup clash

Lesley Hussell experiences European Cup fever in Marseilles on eve of the match against Scottish champions Rangers

THE European Cup fever in Marseilles this week prompted their manager, Raymond Goethals, to wish he could spirit his team away for a quick retreat at a monastery. Tickets priced at up to £180 have done nothing to dampen the gleeful anticipation sweeping the city ahead of tonight's match against Rangers.

With the winner guaranteed a place in the final, and modesty not being a noted local attribute, a handsome victory is expected. The Marseilles squad has been holed up for two days in a luxury country hotel 15 miles from the Mediterranean port.

"I wish it were a monastery," Goethals, 71, said. "The city is going mad, and we need peace." Rangers are reckoned to be a powerful and dangerous foe, and Bernard Tapie, the Marseilles president, is due at the hotel this afternoon for a father-to-son-style chat with each player.

"They are not machines. they need reassuring," he explains. But it is the flamboyant Tapie who probably needs most reassuring. He admits he is obsessed with the European Cup, a prize never won by a French club. He is also, however, a devout glory-hunter, and cannot stand failure.

If Marseilles do not lift the trophy this season, at the fourth time of trying, the self-made millionaire may decide to give up. "You can lose interest all of a sudden," he said this week.

The supporters are just as demanding. A capacity crowd is expected, despite initial grumbles at tickets priced at £25 for the terraces, £80 for an average seat, and £180 for the best.

A gateman at the Stade Velodrome said: "They've been buying 50 at a time, with orders for a whole block of flats or for every customer in a bar."

A music festival scheduled for tonight has been scrapped. The organisers explained that with 40,000 at the game and the rest of the city watching live on television, there was no point bothering.

Marseilles are in such a good mood that even the news that the Scots would be bringing their own chef and food to guard against poisoning raised a smile rather than indignation. Goethals is clear of the injury worries which looked ominous a month ago, the mid-season crisis that followed a series of embarrassing defeats is forgotten, and unsettling transfer speculation has been stamped on.

The "dream team" of Papin-Waddle-Mozer which lost the European Cup on penalties at Bari two years ago is just a memory, but in attack, Goethals can line up the formidable strike force of Rudi Völler and Alen Boksic, flanked by Abedi Pele, Africa's Player of the Year.

His defence includes three French internationals, Basile Boli, Jocelyn Angloma, and Eric di Meco, his midfield two more, Didier Deschamps and Franck Sauzee. Marseilles' weekend win over St Etienne puts them back on top of the French League, and on course for a fifth consecutive title. As Pele put it on Monday: "Morale for the Rangers game couldn't be higher."

Pele is determined to make up for the disappointment of Ghana's elimination from the World Cup and to put on a display that will be a stepping stone to a new career in Italy.

"I put everything I had into the matches, " he said. "I really wanted to get to the United States and it was tough when Algeria put us out. Now I want to make up for that and end my spell at Marseilles with a European Cup final against AC Milan."



Rijkaard: midfield role for AC Milan against IFK Gothenburg in Sweden tonight

Gullit and Papin out of favour

FABIO Capello, the AC Milan coach, has preferred the Montenegrin, Dejan Savicevic, to Ruud Gullit, of Holland, and the Frenchman, Jean-Pierre Papin, for the European Cup match against IFK Gothenburg in Sweden tonight that is expected to decide who will win group B and meet either Marseilles or Rangers in the final.

With the Croat, Zvonimir Boban, and Frank Rijkaard, of Holland, included in midfield, Capello's remaining selection problem concerned his third foreigner. "Savicevic is on from the beginning because he is the freshest player of all and he may prove very useful," Capello said. Savicevic has played only nine minutes of European Cup football this season, having come on at the end of Milan's most recent tie, the 1-0 defeat of Porto. He was a member of the Red Star Belgrade side which won the European Cup in 1991.

Gothenburg are seeking a 4-0 win to cancel out the defeat they suffered in Milan in November. If the sides finish the group level on points, the outcome is decided by the results between the two. Gothenburg trail Milan by two points with two games to come and if they do not win tonight, the Italian champions will be in an unassailable position before the last round of matches on April 21.

Roger Gustafsson, the Gothenburg coach, believes his side can reverse the 4-0 scoreline. "If we are ever going to beat the world's best club side, now is the time," he said.

☐ Claudio Caniggia, the Argentinian striker who plays for AS Roma, has failed a second drugs test, an Italian news agency reported yesterday. Caniggia, who tested positive for cocaine, could be banned for up to two years.

Pearce's future as England captain in doubt

By Chris Moore

STUART Pearce's future as captain of England appeared in question last night after his worst fears had been confirmed. The Nottingham Forest defender, who had an exploratory operation on a groin injury on Monday, is to go back into hospital next week to undergo more surgery.

It means he will miss his club's last seven games in their fight against relegation from the Premier League and will also be unavailable for England's next six internationals, including the three World Cup qualifying ties against Holland (April 28), Poland (May 29) and Norway (June 2).

The England squad will then be taking part in a four-team summer tournament in the United States. David Platt, the former Aston Villa and Crewe Alexandra player, has deputised for Pearce as England's captain in the last two World Cup qualifying ties against San Marino at Wembley and Turkey in Izmir.

It now seems certain he will assume the role for the next six games as well, at the end of which, Graham Taylor, the England manager, may consider promoting him permanently.

As if Brian Clough, the beleaguered Forest manager, has not enough problems on his plate, there was a further injury setback for him yesterday when the winger, Ian Woan, was ruled out of tonight's Premier League game against Blackburn Rovers at the City Ground because of a hamstring strain.

If Forest are relegated it is bound to put a question mark against the future at the club of their international players, including Pearce, Roy Keane and Nigel Clough.

Manchester City will discover on Friday week what penalty they must pay for the FA Cup quarter-final pitch invasion at Maine Road.

City were charged with failing to control their supporters following the incident last month when mounted police were called in to quell trouble during the 4-2 home defeat by Tottenham Hotspur.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Zelezny shatters Backley's record

JAN Zelezny, the Czech Olympic javelin champion, threw a world record 95.54m yesterday, beating the 91.46 set by Steve Backley, of Britain, in January last year. Zelezny achieved the mark with his first throw at the Sanlam Super athletics meeting in the northern town of Pietersburg, South Africa. It easily outstripped his winning distance of 89.66 in Barcelona and also beat his disallowed world best of 94.74, which was recorded in Oslo last July but ruled illegal because of the javelin's removable carbon fibre shell.

Zelezny is in South Africa for training with friends, who include the former American thrower, Tom Petranoff, who is now a naturalised South African. "Yes, I am very happy, but this is still only training," he said. Zelezny is preparing for the world championships in Stuttgart, Germany, later this year. It was the first world athletics record set in South Africa since the country turned its back on apartheid and won readmission to the international sporting arena last year.

Top players sidelined

RUGBY LEAGUE: Wigan, who yesterday complained to the Rugby Football League (RFL) about the refereeing of the match they lost at Castleford on Sunday, may be without five international players against St Helens on Friday. Kelvin Skerrett, Andy Platt, Dean Bell and Billy McGinty have withdrawn with injury, and Andrew Farrar is doubtful after twisting an ankle at Castleford. The RFL board yesterday fined Paul Bishop, of Halifax, and Sean Devine, of Oldham, £200, with £100 suspended, for making obscene gestures to spectatorsafter recent games.

Wharton tests hand

BOXING: Henry Wharton, of York, returns tonight at the Leeds Town Hall after an absence of seven months, during which the British and Commonwealth super-middleweight champion has had an operation on a knuckle on his right hand. Wharton is the No. 1 challenger for Nigel Benn's World Boxing Council title and Mickey Duff, Wharton's manager, wants to make sure the hand is completely healed before he takes on Benn. "Benn has never fought anyone like Wharton. He will knock Benn out," Duff said. Wharton tonight faces Ray Demenge, of Omaha in the United States.

Brighton event safe

TENNIS: The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) confirmed yesterday that the annual women's indoor tournament in Brighton will take place this year, even though it has yet to find a sponsor for the event. The Midland Bank, sponsor of the tournament at the Brighton Centre for the past five years, withdrew its support at the end of last year. Ian Peacock, the chief executive of the LTA, said: "We were keen to ensure that an event of this quality remained in the country."

Parrott knocked out

SNOOKER: John Parrott goes to the Embassy world championship that starts in Sheffield on Saturday week still searching for the early-season form which carried him to tournament victories in China and Dubai. Parrott, the 1991 world champion, was beaten 5-4 by Jason Ferguson, the world No. 62, in the fourth round of the Sky Sports International Open in Plymouth yesterday after leading 4-2. David Harrison, the chief executive of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association yesterday announced his resignation for "personal, family reasons".

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR

COMPANY GOLF DAY

In response to the continued growth in the number of company golf days and their importance to the host companies, The Times and Olivetti announce the first ever major UK corporate golf competition.



The Challenge will allow companies to get the maximum value from their golf day, beyond simply cementing business relationships on the day itself, and offers the host company the opportunity to become UK Corporate Golf Champion, enjoying many benefits along the way.

A CHANCE TO REACH THE REGIONAL FINALS

The 25 companies in each of five regions whose winner and three runners-up have the highest aggregate scores will compete in a regional final at a top local course during October 1993.

Note: Three of the team of four must be employees of the host company. The playing team of four may be accompanied at the finals by one non-playing representative of the host company. All players must have an official club handicap.

THEN THERE'S THE UK NATIONAL FINAL AT HYATT LA MANGA CLUB RESORT.

The winning company from each region will go forward to compete for The Times Olivetti Challenge Shield over Thursday 25th - Monday 29th November 1993, on the South Course of the renowned Hyatt La Manga Club Resort, with return flights courtesy of Iberia.

Approved by the R&A for the payment of expenses-Rule 1-8 Exc.7 RA/64/93

The cost of taking up The Times Olivetti Corporate Golf Challenge is just £150 (plus VAT) per company, which includes the cost of a trophy and shields for your golf day.

The Challenge is open to any UK based company which holds an amateur golf day on or before 15th September 1993 for 25 players or more and which registers by 30th July.



OFFICIAL AIRLINE IBERIA

OFFICIAL HOST VENUE HYATT MURCIA, SPAIN

THE TIMES OLIVETTI TROPHY

A trophy will be provided for presentation to the winner of the day's individual 18 hole Stableford competition, plus shields for the three runners-up, all event-branded and personalised to the host company.

PRE-EVENT PUBLICITY IN THE TIMES

A regular "fixture list" will appear on the sports page featuring the host company's name and the date and venue of their golf day.

RESULTS OF THE EVENTS IN THE TIMES

The names of the winners and their scores will appear in a regular results column in The Times, with supporting editorial and features on some of the days and players.

So if you are organising your company's golf day, or just looking forward to playing in it (and others!) call 071-436 3415 or send off the completed coupon to:
The Times Olivetti Corporate Golf Challenge, 77-78 Bolsover Street, London W1P 7HH.

Send this completed coupon for full details and a registration form to The Times Olivetti Corporate Golf Challenge, 77-78 Bolsover Street, London W1P 7HH

NAME

TITLE

COMPANY NAME AND ADDRESS

THE TIMES olivetti CORPORATE GOLF CHALLENGE

Golf challenge off to flying start

By Mel Webb



THE *Times* Olivetti Corporate Golf Challenge got off to a successful start yesterday when the first company day was held in a nationwide competition that will culminate in an all-expenses-paid final in Spain in November.

The challenge, launched two weeks ago, has attracted entries from all over the country, and the privilege of staging the first golf day in the challenge fell to Citibank Mortgage, who held a competition for 52 members of staff and guests at Sunningdale yesterday.

The first company to register for the challenge was Bride Hall Group plc, who have been associated with Nick Faldo since 1987. The Open champion and world No. 1 will be the company's guest of honour when they hold their golf day at Brocket Hall, in Hertfordshire, on April 30. Bride Hall had registered within 48 hours of the competition's announcement in *The Times* on March 24.

"We were interested in entering the challenge from the moment we heard about it," William fforde, finance director of Bride Hall, said. "We run a couple of golf days a year, and are looking forward to bringing an extra element of competition to what are always very pleasant days."

The challenge is the first major corporate golf competition in the United Kingdom, and John Mitchell, the man whose brainchild it was, has been overwhelmed by the response from companies.

"We have had more than 500 enquiries since the launch, and we are confidently expecting a take-up of at least 90 per cent," he said. "We have had to lay in extra phone lines to cope with the demand, and we are getting dozens of completed registration forms in every day. The response has been far in excess of our expectations when we started, and we are very encouraged by the enthusiasm of companies for the concept of the challenge."

Any company that stages a golf day in which at least 25 players take part is eligible to register for the challenge. Competition will consist of an 18-hole Stableford, with players off ⅞ of a maximum 24 handicap for men and 30 for women.

Five regional finals will be held, and the best 25 teams will go forward to the national final from November 25 to 29 on the famous South Course at the Hyatt La Manga Club in southern Spain. The names of winners and their scores will appear regularly in *The Times*.

RACING RESULTS AND COURSE MEETINGS

Pontefract

Going: good

2.40 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, White Muzzle (J Reid, 8-11 fav); 2, Blue Grotto (11-2); 3, Lilleam (9-1). 11 ran. NR: Arc Bright. 6l, hd. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £1.80; £1.30, £1.60. £2.20. DF: £9.10. CSF: £8.29.

3.10 (6f) 1, Murray's Mazda (J Carroll, 8-1); 2, Clanrock (3-1 fav); 3, Fletcher's Bounty (100-30). 11 ran. ¾l, 6l. J Berry. Tote: £7.60; £2.40, £2.10, £1.70. DF: £16.10. CSF: £29.76

3.40 (1m 4yd) 1, Leif The Lucky (N Connorton, 11-2 jt-fav; Richard Evans's rep); 2, Cool Luke (11-1); 3, Pay Homage (7-1). Hob Green 11-2 jt-fav. 1.5 ran. 1¾l, 1½l. Miss S Hall. Tote: £8.20; £2.70, £3.40, £2.90. DF: £84.40. CSF: £62.69. Tricast: £402.30.

4.10 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, Young Buster (M Hills, 8-11 fav); 2, Break Bread (9-2); 3, Lupescu (5-2). 5 ran. NR: Lyphantastic. 1½l, 12l. G Wragg. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.20. DF: £2.80. CSF: £4.38.

4.40 (2m 1f 22yd) 1, Awa Anson (N Connorton, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Chanby Bartle (7-1); 3, Deduce (7-1). Silent Stalker 7-2 jt-fav (dr). 12 ran. 2, 2½l. M Camacho. Tote: £4.10; £1.70, £2.90, £3.20. DF: £11.40. CSF: £29.07. Tricast: £157.71.

5.10 (6f) 1, Tasill (R Hills, 7-1); 2, Victoria Hall (10-1); 3, Craire (12-1). Pursuit 5-2 jt-fav. 12 ran. Nk, 2½l. H Thomson Jones. Tote: £7.10; £2.20, £2.30, £9.60. DF: £101.00. CSF: £72.43.

5.40 (5f) 1, Penny Hassel (T Lucas, 4-6 fav; Thunderer's nap and Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Quinsigmond (11-4); 3, Super Rocky (14-1). 8 ran. 1l, 2l. M W Easterby. Tote: £1.60; £1.20, £2.00. DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.98.

Placepot: £117.50.

Folkestone

Going: soft, good to soft in places

1.45 (1m 1f 146yd) 1, Aldertrook (Paul Eddery, 5-1; Newmarket Correspondent's rep); 2, Here He Comes (Evans fav); 3, L'Uomo Classics (16-1). 15 ran. Nk, 10l. Mrs J Cecil. Tote: £4.10, £1.10, £1.50, £4.90. DF: £3.80. CSF: £9.99. Tricast: £72.91.

2.15 (6f 189yd) 1, Tabsir (W Carson, 5-1); 2, Nassun Dorma (5-2); 3, Jadzeah (6-1). Syvanie 2-1 fav. 11 ran. Nk, 2½l. J Dunlop. Tote: £5.90; £1.70, £1.70, £2.50. DF: £8.00. CSF: £17.03.

2.45 (6f) 1, Buckskil Echo (D Tools, 33-1); 2, Another Jade (6-1); 3, Supersensis (10-1). Clear Look 7-2 fav. 12 ran. ½l, 10l. T Jones. Tote: £170.70, £20.50, £3.40, £4.70. DF: £510.40. CSF: £217.26. Tricast: £1,977.09.

3.15 (5f) 1, Harry's Coming (W Carson, 2-1); 2, Coppermill Lad (9-2); 3, Aquado (14-1). Heber Spring 11-10 fav. 5 ran. NR: Letsbeonestaboutit, Little Saboteur, Cumbrian Cavalier. 1l, 10l. R Hodges. Tote: £2.50; £1.50, £1.80. DF: £4.70. CSF: £9.89.

3.45 (1m 7f 92yd) 1, Island Blade (T Quinn, 4-7 fav); 2, Peach Brandy (50-1); 3, Perlonsta (20-1); 4, Thor Power (14-1). 16 ran. 5l, 1l. R Akehurst. Tote: £4.30; £1.70, £5.00, £2.90, £3.50. DF: £226.60. CSF: £163.69. Tricast: £3,388.53.

4.15 (5f) 1, Mister Jolson (W Carson, 2-1 fav); 2, Rushanes (5-1); 3, Call To The Bar (11-1). 9 ran. NR: Palacegate Gold. 3½l, ½l. R Hodges. Tote: £3.10; £1.60, £2.30, £3.60. DF: £10.10. CSF: £14.86.

4.45 (1m 4f) 1, Forever Shineing (R Cochrane, 9-4); 2, Phroes (1-2 fav); 3, Pondering (9-1). 11 ran. NR: Ritzy, 2½l, 6l. R Williams. Tote: £3.40; £1.50, £1.10, £2.40. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.91.

Placepot: £1,168.40.

Sedgefield

Going: good

2.30 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Valseur (F Perrett, 11-8 fav); 2, Shahmirza (10-1); 3, Midnight Flotilla (7-1). 8 ran. 6l, 20l. L Lungo. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £4.10, £1.90. DF: £15.70. CSF: £14.53.

3.00 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, The Green Fool (M A Fitzgerald, 7-1); 2, Cosmic Ray (15-2); 3, Stay Awake (2-1 fav). 7 ran. NR: Flowing River. 2½l, 6l. V Thompson. Tote: £6.60; £2.30, £8.70. DF: £28.10. CSF: £52.39. Tricast: £131.22.

3.30 (3m 3f chl) 1, Bareen Owen (A Dobbin, 6-1); 2, Chocaw (9-1); 3, Portonia (8-2). Barkin 7-2 fav. 10 ran. 4l, 1l. J J O'Neill. Tote: £7.80; £2.70, £1.40, £1.80. DF: £32.30. CSF: £51.86. Tricast: £237.99.

4.00 (2m 1f chl) 1, Silk Degrees (K Doolan, 14-1); 2, Sotvijaya (11-8 fav); 3, Hulmer (15-2). 10 ran. 7l, 7l. W Storey. Tote: £20.60; £1.80, £1.30, £1.80. DF: £26.20. CSF: £32.32.

4.30 (3m 3f chl) 1, Merry A Slip (Mr N Wilson, 8-11 fav); 2, Red Under The Bed (10-1); 3, Major Rouge (50-1). 9 ran. 3l, 25l. T Walford. Tote: £1.80; £1.30, £1.80, £3.60. DF: £7.10. CSF: £9.84.

5.00 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Cambo (D Skyrme, 11-4 fav); 2, Tronchetto (4-1); 3, Raiseamillion (8-1). 13 ran. 6l, 3½l. M Banks. Tote: £4.00; £2.80, £2.60, £2.10. DF: £8.80. CSF: £15.82. Tricast: £80.95.

5.30 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Toogood To Be True (L Wyer, 10-3); 2, Any Dream Would Do (12-1); 3, Star Mover (33-1). The Can Can Man 5-4 fav. 16 ran. NR: Believe It, St. Mark. M Easterby. Tote: £4.70; £2.10, £3.20, £10.40. DF: £27.80. CSF: £43.21. Placepot: £84.40.

THE TIMES
RACING
Commentary
Call 0891 500 123
Results
Call 0891 100 123
FOOTBALL
Reports and scores from the European Cup and Premier League
Call 0839 555 562
Reports and scores from the Barclays and Scottish leagues
Call 0839 555 512
GOLF
News from the US Masters
Call 0839 555 550
Calls cost 36p per min cheap rate, 48p per min at all other times

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 40

SPODIC

(b) In soil science, an illuvial deposit rich in aluminium oxide and organic matter and usually containing iron oxide, from the Greek *spodos* wood ashes, embers: "The spodic horizon is an illuvial accumulation of free sesquioxides accompanied by appreciable amounts of organic carbon, an illuvial accumulation of free iron not accompanied by roughly equivalent amounts of illuvial crystalline clay, or an illuvial accumulation of organic carbon usually if not always accompanied by an accumulation of aluminium combined in some form other than that of the crystalline silicate clays."

LANGSUYAR

(a) Also *langsuir*, a female vampire with a whimnying cry, that preys on newborn children, from the Malay; 1972: "The Malayan vampire family includes the Langsuyar, the spirit of a woman who died after hearing that her child was stillborn, known by her green robe, her tapering nails of amazing length and her long black hair which conceals a hole in the back of her neck through which she sucks the blood of children."

DUNNAMANY

(a) A colloquial form of *(I) don't know how many*, cf. *dunnamuch*, *(I) don't know how much*.

SNAVEL

(b) Also *to snavvel*, now mainly Oz, to steal or grab. 1740-, perhaps a variant of obsolete slang *snabble* to plunder or mug or *snaffle* to seize; V. Palmer, 1948: "They're booming the notion o' a new township and snavelling all the land within a mile o' it."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

Following 1 Rxh6! Kxh6 2 Qxf6+ Kh7 3 Rd1, intending Rh1, black is swiftly mated.

| مكبرا من الأصل |

Donnell heads committee investigating National

By Julian Muscat

SIR Michael Donnell, the high court judge, has been given the task of chairing the committee established to investigate Saturday's Grand National fiasco. Joining him in judgement will be the trainer Stan Mellor, who was three times former champion jump jockey, and Len Cowburn, recently retired deputy chairman of the bookmakers William Hill.

Himself a member of the Jockey Club, Justice Donnell is little known outside Portman Square circles although he can boast close links with the sport. He rode more than 50 winners in point-to-points and a further six under Rules, and trained jumpers under permit.

Donnell also acts as a steward at Hamilton racecourse. His legal expertise is expected to serve him well; witnesses called for evidence — among them the Aintree starter, Captain Keith Brown, and the recall man, Ken Evans — are almost certain to be legally represented.

Mellor is a well-known figure in the racing fraternity. He has played a leading role in advancing safety standards for jockeys and was awarded the MBE for his services to National Hunt racing in 1972. Cowburn has vast experience of many aspects of racing's administration, having served as a member on the Levy Board. Representatives on the Jockey Club's working party, which will examine the starting procedure, are expected to be announced today.

The committee of enquiry offers a sound balance of knowledge and will enquire into precisely what rendered the 1993 Grand National to be declared void under circumstances best described as farcical. The club's disciplinary committee will follow up any suspected breaches to the Rules of Racing.

Part of the club's interim measures to minimise the chances of another failure to the starting procedure became evident at Folkestone yesterday. The recall official sported a fluorescent orange jacket, making him more visible to oncoming jockeys. He also carried a two-way radio link with the starter: both simple, pro-active measures which could easily have avoided Saturday's calamity.

Recent policy decision taken by United Racecourses (UR) in respect of racecourse officials have added weight to claims by the Jockey Club's detractors that staff, often incompetent, are recruited principally from pensioned army personnel.

The Grand National debacle has precipitated widespread condemnation of the club's archaic practices, in particular the breed of officialdom evident on race days. This criticism, thought unjust by the club, appears more than justified in the light of this action taken by UR, a subsidiary of the Levy Board and owners of Sandown, Kempton and Epsom.

UR has advised racecourse staff they will not be retained beyond the age of 75. Soon that age will be lowered to 70 and eventually to 65 as the company strives to lower the average age of its workforce. The company has also consciously decided against recruiting much of its staff from among the ranks of retired military personnel. "We are now looking at younger people," said UR managing director, Tim Neligan. "We also want to employ staff as annual salaried people, rather than just casual workers on race days."



Policy maker: Neligan committed to recruiting younger personnel for his workforce at United Racecourses

UR's action has its roots in the incident at the Cheltenham festival 13 months ago, when the then 81-year-old recall man, Don Faulkner, waved his flag to indicate a false start to the Coral Golden Hurdle. A Dunkirk veteran, Faulkner was subsequently quietly fired.

The responsibility for racecourse staff on race days is that of the Jockey Club. Even though racecourses appoint their own officials, including the clerk of the course, it seems bizarre that the club holds responsibility for all racecourse staff on those days. "As it stands, it amounts to a case of divided loyalty. Staff can be torn between the clerk of the course and the acting stewards," Neligan said.

In other developments, John Upson said he was taking seriously a series of death threats against him in the wake of heat-of-the-moment comments he made about Ireland being 'a backward little country'. The trainer conceded his emotions got the better of him when interviewed on television soon after Saturday's 'race'.

He said yesterday: "My jockey is Irish, I spend half my time in Ireland and I have a house there where I stay with my family." Upson's love of Ireland is well known.

Upson's Zeta's Lad is reported to be on course for the Irish Grand National on Monday.

Letters, page 15
Results, page 38

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SIMPSON
(4.10 Ascot)
Next best: Jim Valentine
(3.05 Ascot)

Richard Evans landed an 11-2 nap yesterday with Leif The Lucky at Pontefract, where Thunderer gave six of the seven winners.

Zafonic ready to dust off cobwebs

By Julian Muscat

ZAFONIC becomes the first of this year's classic aspirants to shake off the winter cobwebs when he tackles three opponents at Maisons-Laffitte today. Nothing less than an effortless victory will suffice; nothing less is expected by his trainer, Andre Fabre.

Last year's champion juvenile, generally an even-money chance for the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket on May 1, has delighted Fabre over the winter recess. The colt has been impressing in his homework at Chantilly and is well forward in condition, although he will improve for the outing.

Fabre said: "He was an exceptional two-year-old, but I was surprised to read of his maturity in the papers. I always thought of him as being backward and laid back, particularly in the way he moved. Last year, he was no more than a big baby."

By nature a pessimist, Fabre defused a query on Zafonic's stamina for a strongly-run mile at Newmarket by posing one of his own. "If you look at all the great horses to have won the Derby, most of them went into the race as doubtful stayers," he said, before inevitably ducking the issue of a possible Epsom challenge with Zafonic.

The presence of a pacemaker, Kashani, among his three opponents today is designed to offset Zafonic's tendency to take a strong hold in his races.

Such is Fabre's confidence, however, that his main worry concerns not his opponents but the state of the track. Heavy rain has reduced the Paris circuit to something akin to a quagmire.

Overheard for late reward

By Brian Beel

THE patience of owner-rider Johnny Greenall and trainer Caroline Saunders must nearly be exhausted as Ludlow today presents them with a last chance to qualify OVERHEARD for next Wednesday's Times Rising Stars final at Worcester.

Since his easy victory in a field of 23 in a Cottenham restricted nine weeks ago they have waited in vain for the going to ease. Overheard is a soft-ground specialist and thought of too highly to risk so early in his career on firm going.

On his debut in Ireland last year, he ran on well in yielding going at Patrickswell to win a five-year-old maiden. These two races represent his sole racing experience.

Obviously Overheard will be meeting the stiffer regulation fences for the first time today, but he is an athletic sort who should cope well.

Greenall should know the strength of Electra Lad as he beat him by three lengths when riding Sunny Mount at Mollington. Previously, Electra Lad had won the PPOA novice riders' race at Garthorpe under Ben Pollock, who is again in the saddle.

The mare Bodfari has proven ability but is prone to make mistakes over the stiffer jumps and has twice paid the penalty in previous Times qualifiers.

THE TIMES RISING STARS

Rusty Bridge is making good progress and ran Alpha One, the winner of the Towcester qualifier, to half-a-length at Wolverhampton on his latest outing. By Rustingo out of Bridge Ash, he has the right pedigree.

Foxgrove had no worthwhile form under Rules but she ran creditably in point-to-points last season, and landed a maiden on her third and final outing. In decent company in her latest race, she quickened clear after the last to win a BMW qualifier at Upton-on-Severn.

At level weights, Guild Street would surely get into the frame. But the 7lb penalty she picked up as a result of a hunter chase win at Uttoxeter last May could just prove too much.

Overheard should come out best and give Johnny Greenall his 55th winner, but Electra Lad will run him close.

LUDLOW LINE-UP

3.45 TIMES RISING STARS HUNTER CHASE
(Qualifier: amateurs: £1,924: 3m) (9 runners)

1	0-FPP4	ONLY THE LONELY 11 (B) (D Parker) D Parker 6-12-5	A Brown (7)	–
2	31-622	GUILD STREET 13 (F,G,S) (G Hammond) Paul Jones 9-12-0	M Hammond (7)	89
3	53P03R	BARGAIN AND SALE 15 (F) (D Minty) D Minty 9-11-12	I Dowrick (7)	–
4	0-12	ELECTRA LAD 11 (F) (J Cheale) J Cheale 7-11-12	B Pollock (7)	–
5	1-1	OVERHEARD 67 (S) (J Greenall) Miss C Saunders 6-11-12	J Greenall (3)	–
6	1U-F42	RUSTY BRIDGE 30 (S) (J Johnson) J Johnson 6-11-12	T Jones (7)	59
7	1-3U1U	BODFARI 28 (G,S) (P Morris) P Morris 8-11-7	R Jones (7)	–
8	F31-31	FOXGROVE 25 (G,F) (Mrs C Middleton) P Warner 7-11-7	T Richards (7)	–
9	F3-362	TAMAR LASS (32) (S) (D du Plessis) Mrs J du Plessis 8-11-7	D E Stephens (7)	–

☐ Form figures and racecard details include point-to-points

BETTING: 6-4 Overheard, 5-2 Electra Lad, 8-1 Foxgrove, Rusty Bridge, 10-1 Guild Street, 12-1 Bodfari, 25-1 Tamar Lass, 33-1 Bargain And Sale, 50-1 Only The Lonely.

FORM FOCUS

ONLY THE LONELY of no account in point-to-points. GUILD STREET won Uttoxeter hunter chase in 1992: second in last two outings in hunter chases. BARGAIN AND SALE refused in Nottingham qualifier. ELECTRA LAD won PPOA at Garthorpe and second in good company at Mollington. OVERHEARD Irish maiden winner on only start in 1992, impressive winner of restricted at Cottenham nine weeks ago. RUSTY BRIDGE ½l second to Towcester qualifier winner, Alpha One at Wolverhampton. BODFARI fair point-to-pointer but has unseated twice in qualifiers. FOXGROVE confined winner Upton-on-Severn. TAMAR LASS moderate West Country point-to-pointer.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

ASCOT
BBC2

2.30: Gordon Richards enjoyed a successful Aintree meeting and his Over The Styx will appreciate today's extended trip. The main danger is Chepstow runner-up Indian Tonic.

3.05: Dis Train returned to winning form with an all-the-way success over Barge Boy at Warwick last month. Snitton Lane and Thatcher Rock are two other progressive young chasers, but I favour the Tim Thomson Jones contender **Rathvinden House** who, although runner-up in his last three outings, rallied gamely at Uttoxeter last time out to get with half-a-length of the useful Catchapenny.



Thomson Jones: chance for Rathvinden House

3.35: High Baron, now ridden by Richard Dunwoody, was given far too much to do before finishing strongly to take second place in the County Hurdle at the festival. I expect Robert Alner's promising hurdler to recoup the losses at the expense of Majed, who landed a valuable Kelso event last month.

DICK HINDER

RAPIDE RACELINE
FULL RESULTS SERVICE 0891-168-168
BEFORE THE OFF / RESULTS / COMMENTARY 0891 168+

ASCOT	101	201	301
RIPON	102	202	302
LUDLOW	103	203	303
IRISH	120	220	320
GREYHOUNDS	122	222	322

Calls charged at 36p/min cheap rate, 48p/min at all other times inc. VAT.

ASCOT

THUNDERER

1.55 Cabochon. 2.30 Morgans Harbour. 3.05 Nevada Gold. 3.35 Preoblakensky. 4.10 Simpson. 4.45 Tartan Trix. 5.20 Galaxy Abound. *5.55 Big Bad Wolf.*

Brian Beel: 4.45 Toureen Prince.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.45 TOUREEN PRINCE.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY ON HURDLES COURSE) SIS

1.55 LILY TREE NOVICES HURDLE (£3,191: 2m 4f) (20 runners)

101	1210	HEBRIDEAN 27 (S) (P Deal) D Nicholson 6-11-12	R Dunwoody	99
102	12	BOYCOTT 48 (BF,S) (Mrs J Bishop) S Sherwood 6-11-7	G Upton	77
103	251130	CABOCHON 32 (C,BF,G,S) (J Joseph) R Frost 6-11-7	J Frost	98
104		DUNMAGLASS 62F (T Arnold) R Ingram 6-11-7	S Arnold (7)	–
105	0-1211	EARLY MAN 65 (D,S) (Mrs J Grist) D Grissell 6-11-7	Peter Hobbs	77
106	416403	GORT 48 (B,S) (F Allison) Miss K Allison 5-11-7	M Hourigan (3)	50
107	121131	GRAND HAWK 40 (B,CD,G,S) (M Jones) M Pipe 5-11-7	P Scudamore	88
108	0-U22F0	MAD THYME 7 (R Jenks) N Gaselee 5-11-7	D Murphy	71
109	P241	MR FLANAGAN 18 (D,G) (Mrs R Stanley) C Brooks 7-11-7	G Bradley	88
110	4/4-6	NEAT AND TIDY 21 (Mrs E Davis) N Davis 8-11-7	C Maude	–
111	12564U	ROYAL PIPER 7 (S) (A Darlington) D Barons 6-11-7	L Harvey	80
112	F222	SPARKLING SUNSET 25 (BF) (R Shaw) N Henderson 5-11-7	J Osborne	69
113	2532F1	THE GLOW 7 (CD,S) (Mrs T Brown) D Elsworth 5-11-7	P Holley	79
114	0F00/	DOUBLE THE BLACK 689 (H Vickers) Miss C Caroe 8-11-2	Mr J Beardsall	–
115	133-000	MANEREE 7 (G,S) (M Tabor) N Callaghan 6-11-2	M Perrett	50
116	P04	ROBERT'S REJECT 92 (B Pearce) Mrs M Long 6-11-2	R Rowell	–
117		ALL TALK NO ACTION (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 4-11-0	E Murphy	–
118	51PP60	BE MY HABITAT 21 (CD,S) (Miss L Siddall) Miss L Siddall 4-11-0	P Niven	83
119	06	FAR VIEW 21 (H Hodge) H Hodge 4-11-0	S Curran (7)	–
120	300	OATS N BARLEY 25 (F Landrigan) P Rodford 4-11-0	T Thompson (7)	–

BETTING: 5-2 Hebridean, 3-1 Cabochon, 5-1 Grand Hawk, 7-1 The Glow, 8-1 Mr Flanagan, 10-1 Early Man, 12-1 Boycott, Sparkling Sunset, 14-1 Mad Thyme, 16-1 Gort, 20-1 others.

1992: SUNSET AND VINE 5-11-7 H Davies (9-1) S Dow 15 ran

2.30 FAIRVIEW NEW HOMES NOVICES CHASE (£11,308: 3m 110yd) (16 runners) BBC2

201	U0-233P	CARRICKROVADDY 21 (Mrs D Coleman) B Smart 7-11-8	P Niven	81
202	034652	CLARE LAD 15 (F,G,S) (Travel Employment Group Ltd) D Wintle 10-11-8	W Marston	77
203	542242	DARKBROOK 44 (W Dore) D Gandolfo 6-11-8	P Holley	88
204	P3	HILL TRIX 36 (H Ellis) K Bishop 7-11-8	A Tory	99
205	32F06-2	INDIAN TONIC 18 (Mrs J Richards) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-8	C Maude	93
206	UP-0062	KELLY OWENS 18 (Galo Racing) N Smith 8-11-8	P Leach	70
207	U2F3FU	KILCLOONEY FORREST 20 (K Dacker) Mrs S Smith 11-11-8	M Hourigan	91
208	U4-UU44	MASTER MUCK 25 (S) (N Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 10-11-8	C Llewellyn	76
209	PP-2U46	MORGANS HARBOUR 18 (P Owen) K Burke 7-11-8	M A Fitzgerald	92
210	P6P-534	OVER THE STYX 11 (Mrs C Shaw) G Richards 8-11-8	N Doughty	82
211	82-P33F	PETE'S SAKE 37 (B) (W Whitbread) N Henderson 8-11-8	R Dunwoody	75
212	30P-P22	ROYAL HAVEN 46 (Mrs D Stamp) S Sherwood 7-11-8	J Osborne	78
213	4-FP3F3	SAM PEPPER 23 (Mrs S Farr) Mrs S Farr 7-11-8	S Mackey	–
214	0-5P324	SPIKEY 32 (S Powell) J Jenkins 7-11-8	A Maguire	84
215	54P5P2	TEMPORARY 13 (P Rogers) R Frost 8-11-8	J Frost	83
216	6042	WOODLANDS BOY 58 (S Moore) T Etherington 5-10-13	G McCourt	74

BETTING: 4-1 Indian Tonic, 5-1 Darkbrook, 6-1 Over The Styx, 10-1 Morgans Harbour, Pete's Sake, 12-1 Hill Trix, Kilclooney Forrest, Royal Haven, 14-1 Kelly Owens, Spikey, Temporary, 16-1 others.

1992: GOODSHOT RICH 8-11-8 G Bradley (6-1) C Brooks 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

CARRICKROVADDY ½l 3rd of 19 to Musthaveaswig in Doncaster (3m, good) novice handicap chase on penultimate start with KELLY OWENS 21l 6th. CLARE LAD 5l 2nd of 5 to Skipping Tim in Hereford (3m 1f 110yd, good to firm) claiming chase. DARKBROOK 2½l 2nd of 9 to Irish Bay in Fontwell (2m 6f, good to firm) novice hurdle. HILL TRIX 5½l 3rd of 7 to Clandon Greene in Taunton (3m, good to firm) novice chase. INDIAN TONIC 6l 2nd of 4 to Flashthecash in Chepstow (2m 3f 110yd, good to firm) novice chase. OVER THE STYX 19½l 4th of 6 to Uncle Mogy in Bangor (2m 1f 110yd, good to firm) novice chase. ROYAL HAVEN 3½l 2nd of 14 to Snitton Lane in Ludlow (2m 4f, good) novice chase. SPIKEY 4l 2nd of 9 to Annio Chilone in Sandown (3m 110yd, good) novice handicap chase.
Selection: HILL TRIX (nap)

3.05 BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE NOVICES CHASE (Handicap: £14,265: 2m 3f 110yd) (13 runners) BBC2

301	3-34R21	DIS TRAIN 34 (G,S) (M Oberstein) S Sherwood 9-11-10	J Osborne	80
302	231103	SNITTON LANE 7 (F,G,S) (H White) J Edwards 7-11-3	N Williamson	91
303	3-65142	RICHVILLE 4 (D,BF,F,S) (R Burges) K Bailey 7-10-13	A Tory	86
304	42F331	ONE FOR THE POT 8F (G,S) (P Davies) M Naughton 8-10-9	A Orkney	81
305	4U1222	RATHVINDEN HOUSE 18 (G,S) (B Lovey) T Thomson Jones 6-10-9	G McCourt	99
306	B2321S	GRANGE BRAKE 4 (B,F,G,S) (Mrs J Mould) N Twiston-Davies 7-10-8	C Llewellyn	91
307	46F131	NEVADA GOLD 26 (F,G,S) (Maltsword Ltd) F Yardley 7-10-7	D Gallagher	94
308	312211	THATCHER ROCK 7 (F,G,S) (M Disney) P Nicholls 8-10-7 (4ex)	M A Fitzgerald	96
309	P-41243	JIM VALENTINE 32 (F,S) (R Barnes) D Wintle 7-10-6	J White	93
310	F02303	KIBREET 33 (F,G,S) (D Silvester) D Elsworth 6-10-3	P Holley	81
311	602423	ARDCRONEY CHIEF 32 (B,G) (W Dore) D Gandolfo 7-10-2	R Dunwoody	86
312	0P/00P/	TYRED N'SNOOKERD 781 (G,S) (J Whelan) P Hedger 9-10-0	D O'Sullivan (3)	–
313	0/600-U1	MUTUAL TRUST 20 (G,S) (M Bowling) G Richards 9-10-0	A Maguire	82

Long handicap: Tyred N'Snookerd 9-10, Mutual Trust 9-7.

BETTING: 11-2 Dis Train, 6-1 Rathvinden House, Thatcher Rock, 7-1 Snitton Lane, 8-1 Grange Brake, Nevada Gold, 10-1 Jim Valentine, Mutual Trust, 12-1 Ardcroney Chief, One For The Chief, 14-1 others.

1992: VERY VERY ORDINARY 6-10-7 R Supple (12-1) J Upson 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

DIS TRAIN beat Barge Boy 2l in 7-runner Warwick (2m, good) novice chase. SNITTON LANE 10½l 3rd of 7 to Ardbrin in novice chase over course and distance (good). RICHVILLE 5l 2nd of 13 to Man Of Mystery in Hereford (2m 3f, good to soft) novice chase. ONE FOR THE POT beat Mackinnon 1l in 12-runner Hexham (2m 110yd, good) novice chase. RATHVINDEN HOUSE ½l 2nd of 13 to Catchapenny in Uttoxeter (3m 2f, good) novice handicap chase. GRANGE BRAKE beat Rocket Launcher 4l in 5-runner Newbury (2m 4f, firm) novice handicap chase on penultimate start. THATCHER ROCK dead-heated for 1st with Wide Boy, beating Major Kinsman 25l in 14-runner Worcester (2m 4f 110yd, soft) handicap chase. JIM VALENTINE 9¼l 3rd of 7 to Bibendum in Stratford (2m 4f, good) novice chase.
Selection: SNITTON LANE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Jimmy Fitzgerald	8	16	50.0	M Dwyer	8	24	33.3
M Pipe	28	101	27.7	P Scudamore	30	105	28.6
Mrs J Pitman	12	46	26.1	J Osborne	18	74	24.3
O Sherwood	10	47	21.3	M Perrett	11	56	19.6
K Bailey	9	43	20.9	Peter Hobbs	8	41	19.5
Mrs S Smith	3	15	20.0	L Harvey	6	31	19.4

3.35 TRILLIUM HANDICAP HURDLE (£5,106: 2m 110yd) (14 runners) BBC2

401	1-F1112	HIGH BARON 20 (D,F,S) (R Alner) R Alner 6-11-10	R Dunwoody	90
402	1/22-341	CRYSTAL BEAR 25 (D,F,S) (Lady Knutsford) T Forster 8-11-7	C Llewellyn	85
403	35833-2	MAJOR INQUIRY 23 (CD,F,G) (Mrs T Brown) D Elsworth 7-11-5	A Procter (5)	92
404	333521	PREOBLAKENSKY 12 (D,G,S) (Torwon Homes) G Richards 6-10-12	N Doughty	96
405	111221	MAJED 33 (D,G,S) (Laurel (Leisure) Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-12	P Niven	91
406	0-1114R	PEACEMAN 6 (D,S) (P Gibbings) Mrs D Haine 7-10-11	E Murphy	91
407	09F000-	SPANISH SERVANT 358 (D,S) (D Phillips) P Hedger 8-10-11	L Harvey	87
408	1241F0	DANCING PADDY 20 (D,S) K Cunningham-Brown 5-10-8	D O'Sullivan (5)	97
409	3F4134	DAGOBERTIN 32 (BF,S) (P Leonard) M Pipe 7-10-8	P Scudamore	98
410	211210	NIJMEGEN 25 (D,S) (W Hancock) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-8	M Dwyer	98
411	440P-61	DOC'S COAT 7 (CD,F,S) (M Keating) C Wildman 8-10-4 (4ex)	A Maguire	99
412	024214	SABAKI RIVER 32 (D,G,S) (Mrs K Stuart) Mrs J Retter 9-10-3	M A Fitzgerald	93
413	21F/P/	THE DECENT THING 1253 (D,G,S) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 10-10-2	R Davis (5)	–
414	S6U403	LUCKY BLUE 21 (P Buckley) R Hodges 6-10-0	T Thompson (7)	53

Long handicap: Lucky Blue 6-7.

BETTING: 3-1 High Baron, 7-1 Doc's Coat, Majed, Nijmegen, 8-1 Dagobertin, Preoblakensky, 10-1 Dancing Paddy, 12-1 Peaceman, 14-1 Crystal Bear, Major Inquiry, Sabaki River, 25-1 others.

1992: DERAB 6-11-5 J Osborne (8-1) S Sherwood 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

HIGH BARON 6l 2nd of 21 to Thumbs Up in Cheltenham (2m 1f, good to firm) handicap hurdle with DANCING PADDY (10lb better off) 13l 9th. CRYSTAL BEAR beat The Black Monk ½l in 5-runner Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm) handicap hurdle. MAJOR INQUIRY 2l 2nd of 5 to Ours D'Orsay in Plumpton (2m 4f, firm) handicap hurdle. PREOBLAKENSKY beat Ballylord 8l in 12-runner Carlisle (2m 4f 110yd, good) handicap hurdle. MAJED beat Bellton 2l in 16-runner Kelso (2m 2f, good) novice hurdle. NIJMEGEN beat Champagne Gold 6l in 8-runner Haydock (2m, good to soft) handicap hurdle. SABAKI RIVER 4¼l 4th of 9 to Rosgill in Newbury (2m 110yd, firm) handicap hurdle.
Selection: SABAKI RIVER

4.10 ALPINE MEADOW HANDICAP HURDLE (£5,379: 3m) (9 runners)

501	108251	SWEET DUKE 7 (CD,G,S) (A Atwood) N Twiston-Davies 6-12-0 (4ex)	P Scudamore	86
502	130-F0P	PRIME DISPLAY 21 (D,G,S) (C Heath) O Sherwood 7-11-0	J Osborne	87
503	P/11421	BOSCEAN CHIEFTAIN 46 (D,F,S) (Miss C Dids) Mrs J Retter 9-11-0	M A Fitzgerald	91
504	5/1114-1	SIMPSON 53 (D,F,G,S) (M Jarvis) J Old 8-10-13	C Llewellyn	97
505	65-2631	BOLLINGER 60 (F,G,S) (R Eliot) J Gifford 7-10-9	D Murphy	85
506	F12U6F	BONANZA 27 (F,G,S) (D Needham & Partners) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-8	P Niven	87
507	133021	TOP JAVALIN 7 (D,S) (Mrs J Relp) D Barons 6-10-3 (4ex)	R Davis (5)	99
508	2-1541P	IRISH BAY 21 (F,G,S) (R Shaw) N Henderson 7-10-0	R Dunwoody	77
509	P060	THREEBUCK CREEK 11 (J Gough) R Ingram 4-10-0	S Arnold (7)	–

Long handicap: Threebuck Creek 5-5.

BETTING: 2-1 Sweet Duke, 11-4 Simpson, 11-2 Top Javalin, 6-1 Boscean Chieftain, 8-1 Bollinger, Bonanza, 12-1 Prime Display, 14-1 Irish Bay, 100-1 Threebuck Creek.

1992: MAELKAR 8-11-3 L Wyer (5-2 fav) J J O'Neill 18 ran

4.45 MAHONIA HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £3,647: 2m 3f 110yd) (11 runners)

601	21-U1PP	DUNCAN 20 (F,G,S) (G Duncan) Miss C Saunders 8-12-8	A Sansome (7)	88
602	15F1-P5	PASTORAL PRIDE 29 (BF,G,S) (C Smith) Miss Polly Curling 9-12-8	Miss P Curling (5)	92
603	0213-33	RAISE AN ARGUMENT 32 (BF,G,S) (Mrs J Docker) Mrs J Docker 14-12-8	T Byrne (7)	88
604	112-233	RELEKTO 28 (C,G,S) (N Smart) M Felton 11-12-8	M Felton (7)	81
605	1/2/11P	TARTAN TRIX 20 (F,G,S) (Mrs E Boucher) W Hacking 10-12-8	P Hacking (3)	91
606	10P-45F	RAIN MARK 35 (B,S) (M Chatterton) M Chatterton 12-12-4	C Bealby (5)	72
607	3U5P/0-P	BALVENIE 29 (J Whelan) J Whelan 9-12-0	Mr M Armytage	–
608	3P2P0/2	CENTRE ATTRACTION 18 (F,G,S) (N Mason) N Mason 14-12-0	Miss Y Beckingham (7)	81
609	0430/	JUNIOR 676 (V) (C Packer) Mrs C Day 8-12-0	C Packer (7)	–
610	0/P4060-	LEAGAUNE 450 (S) (G Greenwood) T Casey 11-12-0	Simon Andrews (3)	–
611	/P2PP-4	TOUREEN PRINCE 20 (S) (Miss H Knight) Miss H Knight 10-12-0	J M Pritchard (7)	99

BETTING: Evens Toureen Prince, 4-1 Tartan Trix, 13-2 Duncan, 7-1 Raise An Argument, 12-1 Relekto, 16-1 Pastoral Pride, 25-1 others.

1992: RELEKTO 10-12-1 M Felton (5-2) M Felton 13 ran

5.20 EBF WILD BOAR NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div I: £2,400: 2m 110yd) (18 runners)

1	10	GOLDEN SPINNER 57 (BF,S) (P Miller) N Henderson 6-11-13	Mr C Vigors (7)	–
2		AFTICA (J Moore) J Moore 6-11-6	P Moore (7)	–
3		ANDALUCIAN SUN (G Balding) G Balding 5-11-6	A Procter (5)	–
4		CONNAUGHT CRUSADER (Connaught Group Ltd) P Hobbs 5-11-6	M Hourigan (3)	–
5		CREDIT CALL (R Cawthorn) R Brazington 5-11-6	Mr J Pritchard	–
6		ESSDOUBLEYOU (K Knox) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 5-11-6	J Ryan	–
7		GALAXY ABOUND (S Williams) D Barons 5-11-6	R Davis (5)	–
8		JENERATE (Mrs J Mould) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-6	V Slattery (5)	–
9	50	JUST WOODY 42 (B Temple) B Temple 5-11-6	Mr S Walker (7)	–
10		LIAM OG (Mrs K Cunningham) T McGovern 5-11-6	W Dwan (5)	–
11		MELLION PRIDE (St Mellion Estates Ltd) J Old 5-11-6	Mr J Smyth-Osbourne	–
12	5	RASTA MAN 57 (T Crawford Gray) W Musson 5-11-6	J O'Hara (7)	–
13		ROYAL GAIT (D Barons) D Barons 5-11-6	Mr N Harris	–
14	00	TRYING AGAIN 15 (W Dore) D Gandolfo 5-11-6	D Meade (7)	–
15		CELTIC EMERALD (Mrs M Eckley) R Eckley 5-11-1	D Salter (7)	–
16	00	FRANK'S THE NAME 25 (M Madgwick) M Madgwick 4-11-0	J Clarke (7)	–
17		JYMJAM JOHNNY (The Jymjam Partnership) J Akehurst 4-11-0	J McCarthy (5)	–
18	6	WILLIE BUDGET 57 (A Blackmore) A Blackmore 4-11-0	Mr R Griffiths (7)	–

BETTING: 5-4 Golden Spinner, 3-1 Andalucian Sun, 6-1 Mellion Pride, 8-1 Rasta Man, 12-1 Jenerate, 14-1 Royal Gait, 16-1 others.

1992: WINTER SQUALL 4-10-7 L O'Hara (11-4 fav) Mrs J Pitman 19 ran

5.55 EBF WILD BOAR NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div II: £2,400: 2m 110yd) (21 runners)

1	0	ARCTIC COURSE 33 (Mrs S Robins) D Nicholson 5-11-6	W Marston (3)	–
2		ARCTIC KINSMAN (Mrs R Hambro) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-6	V Slattery (5)	–
3		BIG BAD WOLF (A Parker) J Edwards 5-11-6	Mr A Farrant (5)	–
4		COUNTRY BARLE (Mrs I Hodge) H Hodge 5-11-6	S Curran (7)	–
5	0	CRUISER TOO 141 (Mrs H Greenslade) S Cole 6-11-6	Mr N Moore (7)	–
6	0	CUMREWS NEPHEW 25 (B Cahill) R Brotherton 5-11-6	P Midgley (5)	–
7	0	DEVIL'S CORNER 48 (H Webb) H Webb 5-11-6	D Meade (7)	–
8		GLENTOWER (Lord Swaythling) N Henderson 5-11-6	Mr C Vigors (7)	–
9	0	GREAT ORME 39 (D Thomas) D Barons 6-11-6	M Hourigan (3)	–
10		MR CLANCY (K Clancy) T Mills 5-11-6	A Dicken (5)	–
11		NICHOLAS JAMES (C Freud) G Balding 5-11-6	A Procter (5)	–
12	0	NOBLE AUK 93 (Lady Harrison) D Barons 5-11-6	R Davis (5)	–
13	0-	PEARLY FLIGHT 505 (R Feilers) R Eckley 5-11-6	D Salter (7)	–
14	0	SMITH'S BAND 39 (A Smith) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-6	B Davis (7)	–
15	20	SON OF IRIS 26 (BF) (MHG Systems Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-6	Mr M Buckley (5)	–
16		MANGROVE GREEN (R Andrews) Mrs E Andrews 5-11-1	D O'Sullivan (3)	–
17		RHYMING PROSE (N Dempster) J Old 5-11-1	Mr J Smyth-Osbourne	–
18		ITS GRAND (Avon & West Windows) R Manning 4-11-0	A Flannigan (7)	–
19		RAMALLAH (Maidens Great Acres) J White 4-11-0	K Comerford (7)	–
20	55	FORTUNES COURSE 54 (Mrs A Garrett) J King 4-10-9	D Fortt (7)	–
21		SCRABBLE (B Brindle) Mrs S Smith 4-10-9	D Towler (7)	–

BETTING: 3-1 Son Of Iris, 5-1 Arctic Course, 6-1 Glentower, Smith's Band, 8-1 Arctic Kinsman, 12-1 Pearly Flight, 14-1 Big Bad Wolf, Noble Auk, 16-1 Great Orme, 20-1 Fortunes Course, 25-1 others.

1992: KELLING 5-11-3 M A Fitzgerald (14-1) Mrs J Retter 18 ran

RIPON

THUNDERER

2.25 Monkey Magic. 3.00 Broughtons Formula. 3.30 DECLASSIFIED (nap). 4.00 Face The Future. 4.30 Son Of Sharp Shot. 5.00 Daru. 5.30 He's A King.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 Preston Guild. 3.30 Beneficial. 4.30 SOLARTICA (nap).

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.25 EBF SPA WELTER MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,172: 5f) (9 runners)

1	2	ARTA 8 R Whitaker 9-0	A Culhane 6
2	5	GRANDMAN 8 D Moffatt 9-0	Darren Moffatt (7) 9
3		KIERCHEM R Fisher 9-0	D Nicholls 2
4	5	MONKEY MAGIC 11 (BF) J Berry 9-0	G Carter 7
5		RAPIER POINT P Haslam 9-0	Dale Gibson 1
6		RAVEN'S RETURN R Hollinshead 9-0	W Ryan 3
7		STEANARD BOY G Moore 9-0	J Fanning 4
8		SWEETINGS PISCES M H Easterby 9-0	M Birch 8
9		INDIAN CRYSTAL M Johnston 8-9	Dean McKeown 5

2-1 Arta, 11-4 Monkey Magic, 9-2 Sweetings Pearl, 7-1 Indian Crystal, 10-1 Rapier Point, Ravens Return, 16-1 Grandman, 20-1 others.

3.00 STUDLEY ROYAL HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,132: 1m 4f 60yd) (15)

1	1212	BROUGHTONS FORMULA 13 (B) W Musson 9-7	R Cochrane 9
2	040-	SURE RIGHT 160 M Bell 9-3	M Hills 5
3	480-	MASTER FIDDLER 170 E Weymes 9-2	J Fanning 8
4	300-	SAVINGS BANK 174 T Barron 9-2	Alex Greaves 10
5	5324	BARSAL 9 J Parkes 9-2	M Roberts 13
6	000-	THE WHERE WITHAL 153 M Prescott 8-8	G Duffield 14
7	508-	SAFETY IN NUMBERS 156 Mrs J Ramsden 8-6	Dean McKeown 15
8	50-0	DICKINS 12 R Hollinshead 8-6	W Ryan 12
9	505-	WONDERFUL YEARS 153 Mrs J Ramsden 8-6	K Fallon 2
10	55-5	NANCY 44 C W C Elsey 8-5	K Darley 6
11	04-2	PRESTON GUILD 9 (BF) R Williams 8-4	W Carson 11
12	003-	CHALLENGER ROW 182 C Thornton 8-4	N Connorton 1
13	200-	MERRY MERMAID 182 J Bottomley 8-4	L Charnock 4
14	000-	GREYSTYLE 318 M Brittain 8-1	J Lowe 3
15	044-	HASTA LA VISTA 182 M W Easterby 7-13	C Munday (7) 7

7-2 Broughtons Formula, 5-1 Preston Guild, 6-1 The Where Withal, 8-1 Barsal, Wonderful Years, 10-1 Safety In Numbers, Sure Right, 12-1 others.

3.30 GALPHAY CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,318: 1m 1f) (6)

1	211-	BENEFICIAL 170 (F,G) G Wragg 8-12	M Hills 6
2	14-	TRUE HERO 178 (F) J Gosden 8-12	M Roberts 1
3	411-	VISTO SI STAMPI 214 (G,S) J Dunlop 8-12	W Carson 4
4	132-	DECLASSIFIED 179 (F) L Cumani 8-10	R Cochrane 2
5	03-0	PERSIAN REVIVAL 13 (F) B McMahon 8-10	T Quinn 3
6	01-	COSMIC STAR 250 (F) S Woods 8-7	W Woods 5

8-4 Declassified, 5-2 Visto Si Stampi, 3-1 True Hero, 4-1 Beneficial, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 8 winners from 24 runners, 33.3%; M Stoute, 10 from 32, 31.3%; J Dunlop, 5 from 16, 31.3%; G Wragg, 4 from 18, 22.2%; M Prescott, 3 from 14, 21.4%; J Gosden, 5 from 26, 19.2%.

JOCKEYS: Stephen Davies, 6 winners from 10 rides, 60.0%; W R Swinburn, 7 from 26, 26.9%; M Roberts, 11 from 50, 22.0%; R Cochrane, 6 from 35, 17.1%; W Ryan, 12 from 73, 16.4%; K Darley, 20 from 127, 15.7%.

4.00 FOUNTAINS HANDICAP (£5,526: 6f) (19)

1	000-	BEAU VENTURE 151 (F,G,S) F Lee 5-10-0	– 11
2	30/0	SENSE OF PRIORITY 12 (F) M H Easterby 4-10-0	K Darley 17
3	040-	CUMBRIAN WALTZER 151 (D,F,G,S) M H Easterby 8-9-13	M Birch 8
4	205-	CALEMAN 163 (F) R Boss 4-9-4	J Reid 14
5	04-6	SEA DEVIL 12 (CD,F,S) M Camacho 7-9-4	N Connorton 12
6	031-	OUR RITA 158 (D,F,G,S) Dr J Scargill 4-9-2	R Cochrane 9
7	01-0	DRUM SERGEANT 13 (B,D,F,S) J Parkes 6-9-1	M Roberts 3
8	000-	LUCEDEO 165 (CD,F,G) J Spearing 9-9-0	Dean McKeown 10
9	613-	CATHERINES WELL 203 (CD,F,G,S) M W Easterby 10-9-0	T Lucas 16
10	00-0	CASTLEREA LAD 12 (D,F,G) R Hollinshead 4-8-12	W Ryan 4
11	300-	PAGEBOY 182 (D,F) P Haslam 4-8-12	Dale Gibson 5
12	00-1	GORINSKY 12 (D,F,S) J Berry 5-8-12	G Carter 2
13	401-	BERNSTEIN BETTE 177 (D,F,G,S) P Felgate 7-8-10	T Quinn 1
14	560/	MACS MAHARANEE 515 (D,F,G) P Felgate 6-8-4	J Fanning 15
15	25-0	DIET 9 (V,D,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 7-8-4	F Norton (3) 7
16	00-8	PARFAIT AMOUR 8 (D,F) R Whitaker 4-8-1	W Carson 19
17	445-	SARTIGILA 163 M Hammond 4-7-12	J Quinn 6
18	320-	FACE THE FUTURE 189 P Harris 4-7-10	N Adams 18
19	3-00	SO SUPERB 8 M Dods 4-7-9	J Lowe 13

9-2 Gorinsky, 6-1 Cumbrian Waltzer, 8-1 Bernstein Bette, Caleman, 10-1 Diet, 12-1 Castlerea Lad, Drum Sergeant, Face The Future, Sea Devil, 14-1 others.

4.30 SAWLEY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,288: 1m 2f) (18)

1	060-	SON OF SHARP SHOT 189 J Dunlop 9-7	W Carson 9
2	240-	STAR MINSTREL 174 M McCormack 9-5	J Reid 12
3	553-	MOUSSAHIM 156 M Stoute 9-3	W R Swinburn 2
4	652-	SOLARTICA 181 J Fanshawe 9-3	G Carter 11
5	400-	BLAKES BEAU 165 M H Easterby 9-2	M Birch 3
6	05-3	MOVE SMARTLY 11 F Lee 9-0	R Cochrane 8
7	510-	KISS IN THE DARK 184 (F) Mrs M Reveley 8-11	K Darley 15
8	000-	PRIME PAINTER 191 R Fisher 8-11	D Nicholls 1
9	250-	HAZARD A GUESS 158 Mrs J Ramsden 8-9	K Fallon 6
10	3162	ANN HILL 8 (D) R Hollinshead 8-7	M Humphries (7) 7
11	050-	MAD MYTTON 215 A Bailey 8-6	A Mackay 18
12	06-6	INNOCENT ABROAD 9 C Booth 8-4	A Culhane 13
13	8-32	DUVEEN 6 (BF) M Bell 8-3	M Fenton (5) 17
14	000-	MILNGAVIE 184 (F) M Johnston 8-0	J Fanning 4
15	000-	RUBIDIAN 153 M Prescott 7-13	G Duffield 5
16	-234	PRINCE OF SOUL 34 R Hanc 7-12	J Quinn 16
17	000-	GOLD DESIRE 153 M Brittain 7-10	J Lowe 14
18	500-	NEVER IN TOUCH 291 M Brittain 7-7	G Bardwell 10

4-1 Duveen, 9-2 Ann Hill, 5-1 Move Smartly, 6-1 Son Of Sharp Shot, 8-1 Moussahim, 10-1 Kiss In The Dark, 14-1 Star Minstrel, 16-1 others.

5.00 MARKINGTON CONDITIONS STAKES (£3,172: 1m 4f 60yd) (5)

1	112-	DARU 151 (V,D,F,G,S) J Gosden 4-8-11	M Roberts 1
2	1-00	GREEN LANE 12 (F,G,S) M Naughton 5-9-1	J Reid 3
3	20	MULAWIH 14 Mrs V Aconley 5-8-13	M Birch 4
4	5/2-	TAWAFIJ 33J B Allan 4-8-11	K Darley 5
5		MURPHYS WAY 21J J Eyre 4-8-6	O Pears (5) 2

1-2 Daru, 7-2 Tawafij, 11-2 Green Lane, 16-1 Mulawih, 33-1 Murphys Way

5.30 GRANTLEY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,511: 1m) (8)

1	2	ABSALOM'S PILLAR 33 J Hetherton 9-0	W Newnes 4
2	4-	CHIPPENDALE LADD 189 P Chapple-Hyam 9-0	Stephen Davies (5) 8
3	000-	CICERONE 175 P Calver 9-0	G Hind 2
4		FEATHER FACE M McCormack 9-0	J Reid 3
5	00-	HE'S A KING 172 J Dunlop 9-0	W Carson 6
6	350-	JALCANTO 167 Mrs M Reveley 9-0	K Darley 7
7	600-	VOLUNTEER POINT 291 Mrs S Bramall 9-0	J Fortune 1
8	645-	COVEN MOON 119 H Collingridge 8-9	J Quinn 5

5-2 Chippendale Lad, 11-4 He's A King, 7-2 Jalcanto, 5-1 others.

☐ Blinkered first time: There are no horses blinkered for the first time at Ripon today

LUDLOW

THUNDERER

2.15 Arrastra. 2.45 Bardesan. 3.15 Smartie Express. 3.45 Overheard. *4.20 Midfielder. 4.50 Villa Recos.* 5.25 Penultimate Hand.

Brian Beel: 3.45 Overheard.

GOING: GOOD SIS

2.15 CAYNHAM NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,480: 2m 5f 110yd) (17 runners)

1	0100	WARNER FORPLEASURE 7 (B,D,F) P Hobbs 7-11-10	Mr G Lewis (7)
2	40P0	DEXTEROUS LADY 26 (F) C James 7-11-5	S McNeill
3	P03P	BALLAD RULER 16 P Pritchard 7-11-3	A Webb
4	3225	IT'S NOT MY FAULT 33 D Wintle 5-11-3	P McDermott
5	006P	JOE QUALITY 32 B Preece 6-11-3	T Wall
6		KIRKMAN'S KAMP 1376F (B) P Evans 8-11-3	Gary Lyons
7	D-0U	MUDDY LANE 25 P Nicholls 5-11-3	R Greene (3)
8	-621	PIGEON ISLAND 205 (G) G Charles-Jones 11-11-3	Tracy Turner
9		WHERE ARE WE 921F D Williams 7-11-3	H Davies
10	5881	ARRASTRA 13F (G) R Lee 5-10-12	W McFarland
11	P-46	SUKEY TAWDRY 33 R Bennett 7-10-12	W Elderfield
12	000P	WHATMORECANIASKFOR 11 (V) G Charles-Jones 5-10-12	D Meredith (3)
13	066	BENTLEY MANOR 11 J Upson 4-10-10	R Supple
14	05U0	BUCK COMTESS 36 (V) J Jenkins 4-10-5	S D Williams (3)
15	5	ELSA 11F (BF) P Murphy 4-10-5	D Bridgwater
16	6P33	MING BLUE 19 J Bradley 4-10-5	B Clifford
17	P	REACH ME NOT 88 Mrs N Sharpe 4-10-5	M Bosley

4-5 Arrastra, 9-2 Warner Forpleasure, 6-1 Pigeon Island, 8-1 Bentley Manor, 10-1 Dexterous Lady, 20-1 others.

2.45 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,207: 2m) (12)

1	F112	BARDESAN 18 (D,G) O Sherwood 7-11-10	Mr J Durkan
2	4153	RAINHAM 30 (D,S) D McCain 6-11-10	S J O'Neill
3	412F	PHILIP'S WOODY 13 (D) N Henderson 5-11-5	Pat Thompson (7)
4	6030	COTSWOLD CASTLE 14 (V) R Dickin 7-11-0	Martin Jones
5	0P	COUNTRY RAMBLER 35 P Hobbs 5-11-0	B Clifford
6	00	GRANNY'S LAD 70 Mrs S Johnson 6-11-0	D Bridgwater
7	P0SP	LAFHEEN 30 Miss R Parman 5-11-0	D Skyrme
8	2-03	LE METAYER 146 (BF) K Bailey 5-11-0	J Railton
9	0-0	MAJESTIC GOLD 158 F Jordan 5-11-0	J Lodder
10	-40F	NEWHALL PRINCE 32 J Smith 5-11-0	I Lawrence
11	/0-6	WALLISTRANO 43 J Upson 6-11-0	R Supple
12	50	GO MARY 15 Miss C Phillips 7-10-9	R Bellamy

7-4 Philip's Woody, 2-1 Bardesan, 5-1 Le Metayer, 6-1 Rainham, 14-1 Newhall Prince, 20-1 others.

3.15 ATTWOOD MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,501: 2m 4f) (8)

1	114-	SPACIAL 466 (F,G,S) N Gaselee 9-12-0	R Supple
2	1121	SMARTIE EXPRESS 12 (D,F,G,S) R Hodges 11-11-7	W Irvine
3	3U06	YORKSHIREMAN 27 (F,G,S) J Glover 8-10-7	T Reed
4	1-6P	RUSSELL ROVER 172 (G) G Ham 8-10-0	I Lawrence
5	-P41	ELITE BOY 15 (CD,F) D McCain 11-10-0	S J O'Neill
6	4223	HEADIN' ON 13 (D,F,G) Mrs P Joynes 13-10-0	Mr S Joynes (7)
7	P063	DAVY'S WEIR 11 (B,D,F,G) B Thomley 13-10-0	W McFarland
8	62U3	WICKFIELD LAD 6 D Deacon 10-10-0	D Bridgwater

4-5 Smartie Express, 3-1 Spacial, 6-1 Elite Boy, 7-1 Yorkshireman, 20-1 others.

3.45 TIMES RISING STARS HUNTER CHASE (Qualifier: amateurs: £1,924: 3m) (9)

RUNNERS AND RIDERS — SEE ABOVE

4.20 SEIFTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,109: 2m 5f 110yd) (16)

1	2P56	MIDFIELDER 27 (F,S) P Hobbs 7-12-0	B Clifford
2	3555	SAN LORENZO 21 (G,S) K Bailey 5-11-7	S McNeill
3	43P-	FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE 476 (F,G) B Preece 8-10-8	Mr T Jenks (5)
4	0-06	KASHAN 21 (G) J Bradley 5-10-4	Lorna Vincent
5	22F0	THE LAST MISTRESS 143 D Wintle 6-10-2	P McDermott
6	5P/0	EQUINOR 7 (F) R Bennett 6-10-0	L O'Hara (7)
7	P-P2	MANZOOR SAYADAN 16 (G) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-0	B de Haan
8	-045	LAVA FALLS 21 (F,G) M Banks 7-10-0	D Skyrme
9	2420	SMILES AHEAD 56 (G) P Bevan 5-10-0	T Wall
10	/P02	GALLEY BAY 64 (G) Mrs P Dutfield 7-10-0	W McFarland
11	000-	KNAVE OF CLUBS 352 (G) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-0	D Bridgwater
12	2234	PASSO ALL'ERTA 11 (V,S) D Deacon 10-10-0	D Leahy (5)
13	2-P5	AUTONOMOUS 18 (D,F) K Bridgwater 8-10-0	W Humphreys
14	P030	MUNS JEWEL 154 (F,G) J Bradley 7-10-0	Mr G Lewis (7)
15	00P-	NICKLARE 474 R Price 7-10-0	Mr C Campbell (7)
16	00/3	LAST SHOWER 15 Miss R Parman 6-10-0	D Skyrme

5-2 Manzoor Sayadan, 4-1 San Lorenzo, 5-1 Lava Falls, 7-1 Smiles Ahead, 12-1 Galley Bay, Midfielder, 14-1 The Last Mistress, 20-1 others.

4.50 BUTTERCROSS NOVICES CHASE (£2,541: 2m) (13)

1	U034	COBO BAY 32 (F) K White 8-11-3	A O'Hagan
2	P006	COUNTY CONTRACTOR 25 C Popham 8-11-3	A Webb
3	-40F4	HOWGILL 16 (F) R Hollinshead 7-11-3	S Wynne (3)
4	116/	LOS BUCCANEROS 1085 (F,G) S Christian 10-11-3	T Reed
5	4P53	SOUTHEND UNITED 11 J Upson 7-11-3	R Supple
6	4350	VILLA RECOS 25 (F,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-3	M Pitman
7	PP/P	WATER ORCHID 54 D McCain 8-11-3	H Davies
8	330P	BOSSBURG 18 (B) D McCain 6-10-12	S J O'Neill
9	05F4	BUSTLING AROUND 71 J Bosley 6-10-12	M Bosley
10	0560	DARING CLASS 14 (F) P Bedford 7-10-12	W Irvine
11	66PR	GRONDOLA 14 (F) D Burchell 6-10-12	D J Burchell
12	0434	PANDORA'S PRIZE 14 (G,S) Mrs P Joynes 7-10-12	T Wall
13	5433	RECIDIVIST 23 (B,F) R Hodges 7-10-12	I Lawrence

6-4 Villa Recos, 5-2 Southend United, 9-2 Recidivist, 7-1 Bossburg, 16-1 Los Buccaneros, 20-1 others.

5.25 MRS MUCK MARES ONLY NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,868: 2m) (18)

1	1	PENULTIMATE HAND 14 (F) T Forster 5-11-13	R Greene (3)
2		CELTIC BRIDGE Mrs S Johnson 5-11-6	Miss C Thomas
3		CENTRAL LASS K White 5-11-6	S D Williams (3)
4		DAWN MELODY J Colston 5-11-6	D Meredith (3)
5		JUNO'S SPECIAL A Hambly 5-11-6	M Harris
6		LOVING AROUND N Henderson 5-11-6	Pat Thompson (7)
7	0	SEA DRAGON 28 M Davies 5-11-6	Mr N Miles
8		TUDOR IVY C Jackson 5-11-6	Mr T Jackson
9		WASTEOFTIME E Buckley 6-11-6	R Massey (7)
10	0	WENLOCK SCALLY 158 J Peacock 5-11-6	J Bond (7)
11		FOREST PRIDE K Bailey 4-11-0	G Bazin (7)
12		HERESY R Mathew 4-11-0	Mr N Bradley (7)
13	0	LIDDINGTON BELLE 35 J King 4-11-0	Mr C Hancock (7)
14		PRECIOUS JUNO Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0	L O'Hara (7)
15		SWEET SCIMITAR P Jones 4-11-0	D Leahy (5)
16		TREVADLOCK R Hollinshead 4-11-0	S Wynne (3)
17	9	WELSH LUSTRE 11 D Nicholson 4-11-0	Mr T Jenks (5)
18	0	YASHEEN 35 D Wintle 4-11-0	B Clifford

4-6 Penultimate Hand, 5-1 Welsh Lustre, 8-1 Loving Around, 10-1 Forest Pride, 14-1 Precious Juno, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs S Johnson, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; N Henderson, 9 from 24, 37.5%; P Jones, 4 from 13, 30.8%; S Christian, 6 from 24, 25.0%; D Nicholson, 15 from 67, 22.4%; R Price, 6 from 27, 22.2%.

JOCKEYS: Miss C Thomas, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50.0%; D J Burchell, 5 from 25, 20.0%; H Davies, 6 from 53, 11.3%; J Lodder, 8 from 73, 11.0%; B Clifford, 3 from 29, 10.3%. Only qualifiers.

Holder stakes claim for Test place

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

THE Pakistanis failed to take a wicket on the second morning of their three-day match against the West Indies Board President's XI here yesterday. In 32 overs the President's XI added 103 runs. Keith Arthurton, the captain, and Roland Holder, who has been talked of for some years as a future Test player, playing the faster bowlers more forcefully than the slower ones.

The retirement after last Saturday's one-day international of Gus Logie, the "cheeky chappie" of the international game, makes it more likely that there will be a place for a new batsman in the West Indian side for next week's first Test match. That is what Holder was playing for. A 25-year-old Barbadian, he could be mistaken for Gordon Greenidge in build, method and intent.

When he was dropped at long leg, hooking at Rehman, the Pakistanis must have expected to pay for it. Holder was the heaviest scorer in this season's Red Stripe Cup, the only batsman to make three centuries, and his fellow Barbadian, the great Everton Weekes, approves of the way he looks to attack.

Logie was never in quite the highest class as a batsman. That he was in so many winning West Indian teams, in spite of that, was because of his brilliant fielding, whether at short leg or in the covers, and an infectious enthusiasm. Quite often, too, he played a rescuing innings, coming at No. 6, after the more illustrious batsmen before him had got out. If his successor in the West Indian side, whoever he may be, plays 78 Test innings, finishes with a batting average of 35.8, holds 57 Test catches and remains buoyant for as long as Logie, he will do well.

PAKISTAN: First innings 255-8 dec (Inzamam-ul-Haq 84, Ramiz Raja 75, S Chanderpaul 4-68).

WIBC PRESIDENT'S XI
First Innings

D A Joseph b Aqib	4
S C Williams c Rehman b Nadeem	11
R I C Holder not out	61
*K L T Arthurton not out	47
Extras (lb 1, nb 2)	3
Total (2 wkts)	126

J C Adams, S Chanderpaul, †R D Jacobs, B Browne, K C G Benjamin, A C Cummins and O D Gibson to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-23.

Umpires: C R Duncan and R W Haynes.

Langer ready to clear major obstacle

STEVE MUNDAY/ALLSPORT



Drive time: Langer has fought hard to overcome the dreaded yips on three occasions and has now turned his attentions towards improving his swing

Patricia Davies assesses Bernhard Langer's chances of winning his second major title in the US Masters at Augusta National

Severiano Ballesteros strode up to the 18th green at Augusta National on Monday, acknowledging the applause of the fans and looking anything but a man in the last throes of his career. He was in his element at one of the places he loves best; even though it was only a practice round, on a damp, dark day, he lit up the scene.

Back down the fairway, head bowed over a notebook, a slight, more naturally unobtrusive, figure was studiously writing details. It was Bernhard Langer, one of Ballesteros's playing companions, plotting his strategy for this week's Masters.

One of golf's enduring mysteries is Langer's failure to win more than one major championship. Eight years ago, standing on the 18th tee in the final round of the championship, Ballesteros had slapped Langer on the back and said to him: "It's all yours". And it was. Langer, the bricklayer's son from Anhausen, became the second European to win a green jacket, following the lead set by the fisherman's son from Pedrena.

Ballesteros, champion in 1980 and 1983, was second in 1985, two shots behind Langer, alongside Raymond Floyd and Curtis Strange, who had led the tournament by four strokes with nine holes to play and by three with six to play.

Strange had what looked like a mini-brainstorm at the 13th, where he took six after trying, and failing, to play the ball out of a semi-submerged lie in Rae's Creek.

"That wasn't my downfall," he contended. "It was 15 that cost me the tournament." That was where he hit his second shot, with a four-iron, into the water and took another bogey six.

Up ahead, Langer, dressed in red, a colour he still favours, holed a 14-foot putt for a birdie three at the 17th to lead by two shots. He took away a sterling replica of the Masters trophy, a gold medal, a silver box engraved with the players' signatures, a crystal vase for the low score on the third day, and a pair of crystal goblets for an eagle three at the 13th on the same day.

Most important of all, he had a permanent invitation to return to Augusta every April and a permanent place at the champions' dinner.

At the time, nobody, least of all Langer himself, imagined that he would reach 1993 and the age of 35 with that solitary major to his name. After all, he had already been runner-up twice in the Open championship — at Royal St George's in 1981, behind Bill Rogers, and at St Andrews in 1984, behind Ballesteros.

As Masters champion, Langer finished third at Royal St George's in 1985, his chip to tie Sandy Lyle and force a play-off sliding agonisingly past the hole. He was third again at Turnberry the following year, some way behind Greg Norman.

He finished in the top ten in the US Open in 1986 and 1987 and has three times been in the top ten at Augusta since his victory. He has more than 30 victories to his credit worldwide but has developed a frustrating habit of coming up a little short in the majors.

"In 1985, I thought I would win again very quickly," he said. "In '86 and '87, I had good chances. But in 1988 I hurt my back and that affected my game. Then my putting was affected because my game was bad and that affected my confidence. It is hard to get back to the point where you can win championships because there are so many demands at that level."

Langer's battles with the putting yips — he has overcome them three times by changing his style — are well known. His present method, the "Langer Lock", was developed to counteract a slump in 1989.

"It takes several joints, like the wrists and elbows, more or less out of action," he explained. "I try to putt with the shoulders because a lot of the problems come with the small muscles in the fingers and hands." Now he feels it is his swing, not his putting, that is not consistent enough.

"Over the next year or so, I'm going to change it," he said. "It will take time because it feels like a radical change, so I will take it gently. Besides, I can still play okay without the change."

Langer is a patient man and, over the years, has learned to accommodate his faults while working hard to eliminate them.

He copes with the game he has and believes that when he is playing well — as he is at the moment, having finished second to Nick Price in the Players' Championship — he can beat anybody.

It would be unwise to bet against a man who has had the strength of character to beat the yips three times and who, when asked about the missed final putt in the last Ryder Cup at Kiawah Island, said, without hesitation, that he would welcome the chance to be in the same situation again.

Langer — like Ben Crenshaw, Norman, Price, Tom Kite and even Larry Mize, who have all won this season — is too good a player to be saddled with the one major wonder tag.



Join the club: Langer is congratulated by Crenshaw, the previous champion, after winning the Masters in 1985

Hastings echoes concern over sevens

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

GAVIN Hastings, the Scotland full back who will lead the British Isles in New Zealand this summer, yesterday echoed New Zealand criticism of the inaugural Rugby World Cup sevens tournament. "It might be a question of survival of the fittest," Hastings said of the likely finalists in the tournament, at Murrayfield from April 16 to 18.

Over the three days of the tournament there will be 81 matches and the winning team will play eight games. Last month Peter Thorburn, the coach of New Zealand's sevens squad, said: "I don't think it will be the best sevens team that wins at Edinburgh. I think it will be the team that enjoys the greatest luck and has the fewest injuries."

Hastings said: "The standard of sevens rugby is such that the guys who are successful are true athletes; the fitness and endurance they will need is something they haven't faced before."

Charlie Bissett, sevens co-ordinator for the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU), anticipates a full house of 37,500 for the final Sunday (the West Stand is out of commission for the tournament) and has been encouraged by projected figures of 17,000 for the Friday and 25,000 for the Saturday.

There is optimism that commercial revenue will cover the costs of the event, estimated at £2 million. Ticket sales have passed £1 million. Bissett said there had been great interest from England and substantial supporters groups travelling from South Africa, New Zealand, Australia and North America.

The practice of tactical replacements, which applied at the Hong Kong tournament and has been adopted by the southern hemisphere's Super Ten tournament, will be frowned upon. Any player who seeks to leave the field will have to be "signed off" by an SRU doctor.

Wales and Ireland will field the same squads they used in Hong Kong but the captaincy of the Irish party has passed from Alain Rolland, the Blackrock College scrum half, to Denis McBride, the Malone flanker.

THE TIMES

RISING STARS

25% DISCOUNT
AT
WORCESTER
ON 14TH APRIL
Rising Stars Final

Readers may obtain a 25% reduction to the Members Enclosure at Worcester race course by purchasing their tickets in advance. Normally £12, members tickets may be obtained for £9 each by sending coupon, remittance and first class stamped addressed envelope to: J H A Bennett Esq, Manager, Worcester Race Course, Pitchcroft, Worcester WR1 3EJ.

Applications must be received by 9th April, 1993.

Please send me _____ MEMBERS ENCLOSURE ticket(s) @ £9.00 each (normal price £12).

I enclose payment by cheque/postal order(s) made payable to:

City of Worcester for the value of £_____
(please write name and address on the back).

All applications must be received by 9th April 1993.
(PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS)

Name:_____

Address:_____

_____

_____

_____ Postcode:_____

Tel:_____

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: West Ham 1, Norwich City 2.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Rio de Janeiro championship: Bangu 0, Flamengo 3.

Late results on Monday

PREMIER LEAGUE: Norwich City 1, Manchester United 3.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division: Hartlepool United 1, Plymouth Argyle 0.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Watford 0, Charlton 3.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley 0, Sheffield Wednesday 3, Blackburn 1, Wolves 0; Leeds 1, Leicester 2. Second division: Mansfield 2, Burnley 2.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Sutton United 5, Windsor and Eton 2. Second division: Worthing 4, Barton 0.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Sheffield 0, Pontefract 2.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Corby 3, Cheltenham 0. Southern division: Havant 0, Erith and Belvedere 0.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Winsford 3, Horwich 1. First division: Ashton United 2, Rossendale 0; Curzon Ashton 1, Alfreton 1; Worksop 2, Farsley Celtic 3.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Plymouth Argyle 7, Dawlish 1.

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Cup final: Tottenham 5, Norwich 2.

OTHER MATCH: Portadown 1, Manchester City 1.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Florida Marlins 6, Los Angeles Dodgers 3; Cincinnati Reds 9, Montreal Expos 1; New York Mets 3, Colorado Rockies 0; Atlanta Braves 1, Chicago Cubs 0; Philadelphia Phillies 3, Houston Astros 1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Texas Rangers 7, Baltimore Orioles 4; New York Yankees 9, Cleveland Indians 1; Boston Red Sox 3, Kansas City Royals 1; Oakland A's 9, Detroit Tigers 4.

BASKETBALL

NEW ORLEANS: NCAA college tournament: Final: North Carolina 77, Michigan 71.

BILLIARDS

MADRAS: Radiant grand slam championship: First leg: M Russell (Eng) bt G Seini (India), 7-1.

BOWLS

CAPE TOWN: International matches: Men: South Africa bt England, 5-3. Singles: N Burkett (SA) bt A Allcock (Eng), 25-22. Pairs: R Rayfield and Burkett (SA) bt A Thomson and Allcock, 19-9. Triples: South Africa (K Campbell) tied with England (J Bell), 15-15. Fours: South Africa (K Campbell) lost to England (J Bell), 19-21. Women: Scotland bt South Africa, 5-3. Singles: J Lindores (Scot) bt A Pretorius (SA), 25-16. Pairs: Lindores and S Gourlay (Scot) lost to E Barnaud and H Bekker (SA), 17-22. Triples: Scotland (S McCrone) bt South Africa (C Grondein), 18-13. Fours: Scotland (F Whyte) tied with South Africa (C Grondein), 19-19.

GOLF

WEST HILL GOLF CLUB: Father and son foursomes tournament: First round: M J and R Hargreaves (Rowlands Castle) bt D L and C J Donald (West Sussex), 2 holes; J G and R Stevens (R Worlington) bt M and G Taggart (Widemesse), 2 and 1; P A and S Tedrake (Worplesdon) bt S F and P Brown (Ashridge), 20th hole; G A and G Howl (West Sussex) bt D I and D Sibi (R North Devon/Staunton), 1 hole, B and I White (Hadley Wood/South Herts) bt J M and T Clark (Willeybrook), 4 and 3; I and G Findley (The Addington/R Blackheath) bt T F and M Daniels (Monmouthshire/N Herts), 2 and 1; SAE and C Staveley (Hunstanton) bt R and M Elsdon-Daw (Walton Heath), 1 hole.

B J and R Groce (Panner Hill) bt A J and G Stevington (Tandridge), 2 and 1; P W S and G Boult (Chislehurst) bt E E and A Morgan (West Sussex/Littlehampton), 2 and 1; D P and A Horne (R Porthcawl/Beamstead) bt R J and A J Lavelle (The Berkshire), wo; N and P Chesworth (West Hill) bt E and R Pearce (Reigate Heath), 19th hole; J N and C Gems (Maldon) bt E and D Coker (Northants County/Hunstanton), 20th hole; D and H Holland (Sunningdale) bt B E and M Joseph (Glamorgan), 1 hole; P E and D Story (Mullion/Liphook) bt B E and A Prince (West Hill), 2 holes.

J S and N Gilbert (Bushill) bt G H and G McDavitt (Tyrrells Wood), 2 and 1; J C and P Murphy/D Connor (Denham) bt M and R Rees (Bristol and Clifton/Henbury), 2 and 1; D F R and A Lord (Northants County) bt J G and G Gow (Formby), 3 and 2; J A and R Gill (Worplesdon) bt K S and M Maclean (Tandridge), 3 and 2; J T Green and J Homan-Green (RAC County) bt R C and S Stowold (West Surrey), 2 and 1; G and A Tosdevin (Pinner Hill) bt T E and E Clutton (Wrexham/West Lothian), 6 and 5; A R and R Satchell (Ely City) bt P F B and M Cooper (Huntercombe), 9 and 7; J B C and W Atkinson (Bishop's Stortford) bt W E and J McCrea (Walton Heath), 3 and 2.

A and R Guest-Gomall (Sunningdale) bt R and A McQuater (Coventry), 3 and 1; H A and T Mote (West Sussex) bt A W and G Morrison (Chigwell), 1 hole; E D and D Bond (Wentworth) bt E R and V Bellas (Sicilio Popesi), 6 and 5; J A and P Murphy (Stelmorlie/Club El Chaparral) bt D P and J Choyce (Rochford Hundred), 3 and 2; O and R Logan (Hamtdey Common) bt H M G and M Pryor (West Hill), 1 hole; D J and D Beder (Holme Hall) bt R S and A Cox (Burnham Beeches) 5 and 4; C H and M Beamish (Woodhall Spa/Denham) bt I F M and R Hine (St Enodoc/Bristol and Clifton), 3 and 2.

Second Round: D H and C Ramsay (Berkhamstad) bt R C W and N Stokes (Hayling), 2 holes; D C and J Dixon (Nevill/R Ashdown Forest) bt J and T Baldwin (Tandridge/Mannings Heath), 2 holes; B J and G Taylor (Thorpe Hall) bt R W and I Attoe (Worplesdon), 3 and 2; R A and D Wood (Widemesse/Nevill) bt B H and J Smart (Guildford), 1 hole; G N and M Batt-Rawden (Haywards Heath/West Hill) bt R H and D Thompson (Harewood Downs), 2 and 1; R W and N Elliott (Littlehampton /Bramley) bt W G and W Barney (West Hill/Shorborne), 3 and 2; J and D Mvan (Newbury and Crookham/R Cinque Ports) bt T G A and J Chappell (Yeovil), 3 and 2; P J and S Banks (West Sussex) bt D P G C and J Sinker (Stinchcombe Hill), 4 and 3; P J M and R Bathurst (Hankley Common) bt R and M Macpherson (NZ/Cor Hampton), 4 and 3.

J R A and R Bampfield (Oswestry) bt J N T and A Hutton (Cotham Hurst), 6 and 5; R J and D Hill (Worplesdon) bt J and M Connelly (Woking), 2 and 1; I and R Langmead (Bognor) bt D W and T Sykes (East Devon), 2 and 1; V F and M Davis (Wyke Green/Sudbury) bt A E and I Oakes (Hunstanton), 3 and 2; D C and M Burridge (Ealing) bt D E and P Anderson (Redhill and Reigate/Betchworth Park), 1 hole; J F and S Murphy (Woking/Saujana Kuala Lumpur) bt E J and M Farmer (R Eastbourne/N Hants), 1 hole; N and P Chesworth (West Hill) bt R J and J Rutherford (Northumberland), 5 and 4; J N and C Gems (Maldon) bt S D and C Bowyer (Moortown), 4 and 3.

D and H Holland (Sunningdale) bt J A and R Piggott (Littlehampton/West Middlesex), 2 and 1; P E and D Story (Mullion/Liphook) bt J S and N Gilbert (Bushill), 1 hole; J C Murphy and P O'Connor (Denham) bt D F R and A Lord (Northants County), 2 and 1; J T Green and J Homan-Green (RAC County) bt J A and R Gill (Worplesdon), 2 and 1; G and A Tosdevin (Pinner Hill) bt A R and R Satchell (Ely City), 3 and 2; J B C and W Atkinson (Bishop's Stortford) bt A and R Guest-Gomall (Sunningdale), 3 and 2.

RYDER CUP POINTS TABLE (GB and Ire unless stated): 1, B Lane, 274,871.45; 2, C Montgomerie, 236,829.35; 3, N Faldo, 228,527.50; 4, M James, 193,379.06; 5, J Spence, 185,837.66; 6, A Lyle, 172,109.01; 7, D Gilford, 166,360.93; 8, B Langer (Ger), 164,751.48; 9, S Richardson, 164,002.91; 10, M-A Jiménez (Sp), 161,878.16; 11, J Payne, 148,118.51; 12, M Roe, 145,497.91.

SONY WORLD RANKINGS (US unless stated): 1, N Faldo (GB), 23.37 pts average; 2, F Couples, 15.37; 3, N Price (Zim), 14.19; 4, G Norman (Aus), 14.14; 5, B Langer (Ger), 13.99; 6, I Woosnam (GB), 12.17; 7, T Kite, 12.12; 8, J M Olazábal (Sp), 11.78; 9, P Azinger, 11.04; 10, D Love III, 10.93.

LEADING US PGA TOUR MONEY WINNERS (US unless stated): 1, T Kite, $518,564; 2, N Price (Zim), 497,484; 3, G Norman (Aus), 457,054; 4, F Couples, 375,125; 5, P Stewart, 367,303; 6, P Azinger, 368,675; 7, L Janzen, 318,783; 8, J Sindelar, 314,543; 9, L Mize, 307,090; 10, B Langer (Ger), 302,500; 11, D Love III, 293,965; 12, B Ogle (Aus), 284,867; 13, H Twitty, 266,740; 14, M O'Meara, 236,569; 15, G Morgan, 233,674; 16, B Crenshaw, 228,725; 17, P Mickelson, 223,736; 18, J Maggert, 217,788; 19, R Mediate, 211,181; 20, M Standly, 211,120.

TENNIS

BARCELONA: Spanish Open: First round (Spanish unless stated): J Aitur bt C Mezzadri (Switz), 5-7, 6-3, 6-4; M Goellner (Ger), bt F Santoro (Fr), 7-6, 6-4; G Prpic (Cro) bt R Azar (Arg), 6-7, 7-6, 6-3; J Svensson (Swe) bt F Sanchez, 6-1, 6-3; B Wuyts (Bel) bt L Jonsson (Swe), 6-0, 3-6, 6-3; G Markus (Arg) bt A Olhovskiy (Russ), 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; E Sanchez bt A Mansdor, 7-6, 6-4; J Arrese bt T Carbonell, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4; A Corretja bt H Davids (Holl), 7-6, 6-1; O Delaitre (Fr) bt A Costa, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5; J Vilaca bt J Avila, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; A Chesnokov (Russ) bt R Agenor (Hai), 6-1, 6-4; R Furlan (It) bt F Davin (Arg), 3-6, 6-2, 6-0; F de Wulf (Bel) bt N Kulti (Swe), 6-3, 6-2; M Gorriz bt J Mas, 6-2, 6-4; M Naewie (Ger) bt F Roig, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3; J Burillo bt T Champion (Fr), 6-3, 6-1; E Kafelnikov (Russ) bt V Roublcek (Cz Rep), 6-4, 3-0, retired; F Clavet bt M Filippini (Urug), 7-5, 4-6, 6-4; R Carretero bt G Lopez, 6-2, 6-1; G Pérez-Roldán (Arg) bt A Medvedov (Ukr), 6-2, 6-0; J Sanchez bt A Berasategui, 6-4, 6-3; R Gilbert (Fr) bt A Mancini (Arg), 2-0, retired; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt M Larsson (Swe), 4-6, 7-6, 7-5. Second round: C Costa bt J Vilaca, 6-1, 6-1; R Krajicek (Holl) bt G Prpic (Cro), 6-4, 6-4.

AMELIA ISLAND, Florida: Women's tournament: First round (US unless stated): L Davenport bt B Bowes, 6-3, 6-2; S Stafford bt R Falbanki-Nideffer, 6-1, 6-3; K Kschwendt (Switz) bt D Szabova (Cz), 5-7, 6-4, 6-0; S Hack (Ger) bt J Santrock, 6-1, 7-6; C Rubin bt C Fauche (Fr), 6-1, 6-3; J Kruger bt L Ferrando (It), 6-1, 4-6, 7-6; C Singer (Ger) bt S Cecchini (It), 3-6, 6-1, 6-4; P Tarabini (Arg) bt B Schultz (Holl), 6-4, 6-3; B Fulco-Villella (Arg) bt T Whitlinger, 6-3, 6-4; F Bonsignori (It) bt N Hummel, 6-2, 6-4; N Ercegovic (Cro) bt L Bacheva (Bul), 6-1, 6-4; A Fusai (Fr) bt N Van Lottum (Fr), 6-4, 6-0; F Perfetti (It) bt R Jansen, 7-6, 7-6; J Watanabe bt S Meier (Ger), 6-3, 6-2; P Langrova (Cz) bt C Benjamin, 6-2, 7-6; R Bobkova (Cz) bt M Paz (Arg), 6-0, 1-6, 6-2; C Kuhlman bt L Golarsa (It), 6-3, 7-6.

TOKYO: Japan Open: Men: First round: S Sirnian (Fr) bt A Antonitsch (Austria), 7-6, 7-6; R Weiss (US) bt D Nargiso (It), 4-6, 6-1, 4-1 (ret'd); A Chesnokov (Russ) bt K Braasch (Ger), 6-7, 7-5, 6-4; J Cunha-Silva (Por) bt S Stolle (Aus), 6-1, 4-6, 6-2; N Borwick (Aus) bt J Grabb (US), 6-1, 6-1; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt P Baur (Ger), 6-1, 6-2; T Woodbridge (Aus) bt S Matsuoka (Japan), 7-5, 6-0. Second round: P Sampras (US) bt J Morgan (Aus), 7-6, 6-3; B Gilbert (US) bt C Pridham (Can), 5-7, 6-2, 6-1; C Van Rensburg (SA) bt R Fromberg (Aus), 6-7, 7-6, 6-4.

Women: First round: K Date (Japan) bt S Testud (Fr), 7-6, 6-7, 7-5; W Probst (Ger) bt K Nagatsuka (Japan), 6-2, 7-5; S Appelmans (Bel) bt C Cunningham (US), 6-4, 6-0; Li Fang (China) bt M Yanagi (Japan), 6-0, 6-3, M Endo (Japan) bt Y Yoshida (Japan), 6-1, 6-4; M Miyauchi (Japan) bt E Sviglerova (Cz), 6-4, 6-2; P Fendick (US) bt N Miyagi (Japan), 7-5, 7-6.

SNOOKER

PLYMOUTH: Sky Sports International Open: Fourth round: D Walker (Eng) bt R Chaperon (Can), 5-4; J Ferguson (Eng) bt J Parrott (Eng), 5-4; W Snaddon (Scot) bt P Tanner (Eng), 5-2; A McManus (Scot) bt M Hallett (Eng), 5-1; D Henry (Scot) bt R O'Sullivan (Eng), 5-4.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

European Cup
Champions League
Group A
CSKA Moscow v Bruges
Marseilles v Rangers
Group B
IFK Gothenburg v AC Milan
PSV Eindhoven v Porto

FA Premier League
Notts Forest v Blackburn
Oldham v Sheff Wed (7.45)

Barclays League
First division
Leicester v Oxford Utd (7.45)
Luton v Wolverhampton (7.45)
Newcastle v Barnsley (7.45, all ticket)
Southend v West Ham (7.45)

Second division
Brighton v Mansfield (7.45)
Huddersfield v Stoke
Reading v Chester (7.45)
West Brom v Swansea

GM Vauxhall Conference
Boston v Slough

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley v Whitley Bay ; Fleetwood v Mossley . Challenge Cup: Semi-final: Second leg: Winsford (1) v Workington (0) (7.45).

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Brigg v Belper.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Chadderton v Burscough; Glossop North End v Clitheroe.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Solihull v Atherstone. Midland division: Barn v Dudley; Hinckley Town v Grantham. Southern division: Canterbury v Dunstable; Wealdstone v Witney.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Centenary match: Clacton v Jewson League XI.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Plymouth Argyle v Minehead; Tiverton v Chard; Westbury v Frome.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Manchester Utd v Bolton (7.0); Rotherham v Aston Villa (7.0); Second division: Bradford v Port Vale (7.0); Hull v Wigan (7.0); York v Burnley (7.0).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Swindon v Oxford Utd (2.0) Second division: Bournemouth v Torquay (2.0); Cheltenham v Bristol Rovers

SCHOOLS UNDER-15 INTERNATIONAL: England v Austria (Walsall, 7.0)

RUGBY UNION

Heineken League
First division
Bridgend v Cardiff (7.0)

Club match
Rugby v Nuneaton (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: Commonwealth light-heavyweight title: Michael Gale (Leeds) v Bruno Kosolobski (Can). Super-middleweight bout: Henry Wharton (Leeds) v Troy Waldon (US). (Leeds Town Hall).

SNOW REPORTS

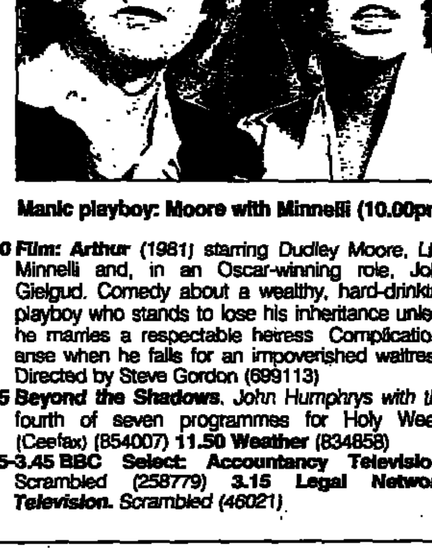
	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Runs to resort	Weather	Temp °C	Last snow fall
AUSTRIA							
Bad Gastein	0	130	fair	closed	cloudy	5	4/4
(80% of runs open. Most lower runs closed. Dry snow on upper)							
Mayrhofen	0	80	variable	closed	rain	5	29/3
(Most lifts and runs open. Lower runs worn and patchy)							
Seefeld	20	45	fresh	poor	snow	7	6/4
(Lower runs patchy. Spring skiing on upper. 13 lifts open)							
Solden	5	90	new snow	patchy	snow	2	6/4
(Snow on upper runs softening by noon. 80% of area open)							
St Anton	35	430	new	new	snow	3	6/4
(Fresh, powdery snow on all runs. 31 lifts open. Resort busy)							
FRANCE							
La Plagne	105	310	good	closed	rain	2	6/4
(Rain falling as snow above 1,700m. Fresh powder snow on glacier)							
Les Arcs	30	320	new	new	snow	0	6/4
(All pistes groomed and complete to 1,600m. 80% of area open)							
Les Menuires	30	160	fresh	thin	snow	5	6/4
(Fresh snow above 1,700m. Best at Mont de la Chambre)							
Val d'Isere	120	230	new	open	snow	2	6/4
(Snow showers above 1,500m. Excellent skiing at all levels)							
SWITZERLAND							
Adelboden	0	130	variable	closed	rain	4	4/4
(Skiing above mid-station only. 90% of lifts open)							
Lenzerheide	20	100	fresh	closed	snow	-1	6/4
(10cms of snow on runs. Slopes in process of being groomed)							
St Moritz	0	60	fair	closed	snow	-2	6/4
(Best snow on glacier. Thin, hardpacked snow on lower runs)							
Villars	5	70	fair	thin	rain	7	4/4
(Most lower runs closed. Best above mid-station)							
Wengen	5	90	fair	closed	snow	4	6/4
(Strong winds in area. Runs below mid-station closed)							

Information supplied by Ski Hotline

هكذا من الأصل

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (55533)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (32336939)
9.05 Attack of the Killer Tomatoes. Cartoon adventures (r) (s) (7493939) **9.30 Why Don't You . . ?** Ideas for bored youngsters (s) (19007)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8908533) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (7483587)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday *magazine presented* by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. Includes **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **11.00** and **12.00** (88004910)
12.05 Pebble Mill. Music and chat introduced by Alan Titchmarsh (s) (4627620) **12.45 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick.** A round-up of the morning's events (14113484) **12.55 Regional** *News and weather* (37272910)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (66674)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (11498939) **1.50 Eldorado** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (18948026)
2.20 Hawaii Five-O. McGarrett tackles an unusual murder case in which the chief suspect is an *eccentric millionaire (r) (1327842)* **3.10 Turnabout.** Word game hosted by Rob Curling (s) (8949804)
3.40 Cartoon (8404587) **3.50 Pingu.** Animated adventures of a clumsy penguin (7531910) **3.55 WildBunch.** The first of a new wildlife series for *children (s) (2476858)* **4.10 Galaxy Goof-Ups** starring Yogi Bear (1423705) **4.35 The Movie Game.** A new series of the film and video quiz. (Ceefax) (s) (7590281)
5.00 Newsround (5487200) **5.10 Dodgem.** Episode two *of the six-part children's drama (r).* (Ceefax) (s) (6961991)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (269910). Northern Ireland. Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (910)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (262). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (3674)
7.30 Tomorrow's World. Includes details of a computer that can be controlled by a glance. (Ceefax) (s) (674)
8.00 May To December. Age-gap *comedy romance* starring Anton Rodgers and Lesley Dunlop. (Ceefax) (s) (6194)
8.30 Us Girls. Generation clash comedy series, written by Lisselle Kayla. (Ceefax) (s) (8129)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News *with Michael Buerk.* (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (9705)
9.30 Q.E.D: Knights of the Shining Piddock. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (98277)

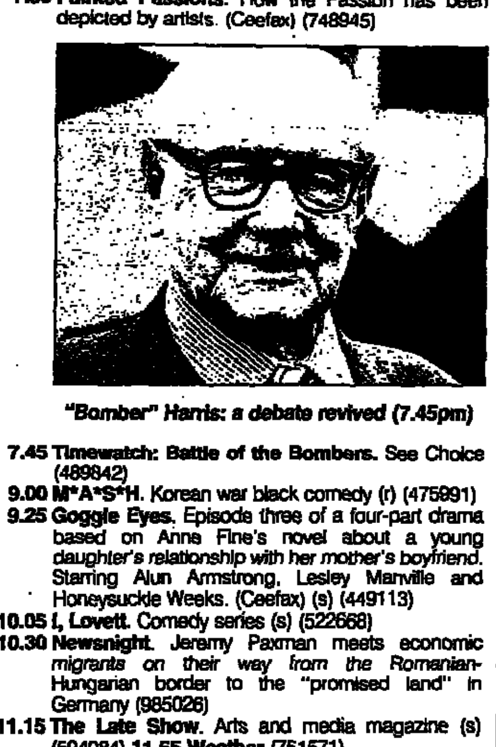


Manic playboy: Moore with Minnelli (10.00pm)

10.00 Film: Arthur (1981) starring Dudley Moore, Liza Minnelli and, in an Oscar-winning role, John Gielgud. Comedy about a wealthy, hard-drinking playboy who stands to lose his inheritance unless he marries a respectable heiress. Complications arise when he falls for an impoverished waitress. Directed by Steve Gordon (699113)
11.35 Beyond the Shadows. *John Humphrys with the* fourth of seven programmes for Holy Week. (Ceefax) (854007) **11.50 Weather** (834858)
2.15-3.45 BBC Select: Accountancy Television. Scrambled (258779) **3.15 Legal Network Television.** *Scrambled (46021)*

BBC2

7.35 Open University. Arts — *Composer and Audience* (7487533)
8.00 Breakfast News (8290007) **8.15 Top Gear Take Two.** The design of Alfa Romeos (r) (5430939)
8.20 Women of our Century. Dora Russell, women's *rights campaigner (r).* (Ceefax) (9717026)
9.00 Film: Ruthless (1948, b/w) starring Zachary Scott. Drama about an amoral financier, alienating friends and family in his fight to get to the top. Directed by Edgar G. Ulmer (37155910)
10.40 Film: Cheers for Miss Bishop (1941, b/w) starring Martha Scott. Tearjerker about the life of a devoted *schoolteacher in a small midwestern town.* Directed by Tay Garnett (2863620)
12.10 Arthur Negus Enjoys. A tour of Goodwood House (r) (8660281)
12.30 In at the Deep End. Paul Heiney tries his hand at crimping (r). (Ceefax) (4242945)
1.20 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams (r) (s) (93878262) **1.35 CountryFile** *(r)* (18929991)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (60480910) **2.05 I Could Do That.** Model maker Alan Heaver at work (r) (15647533)
2.15 Racing From Ascot. The 2.30, 3.05 and 3.35 races *(319113)*
4.00 Film: The Invisible Man (1933, b/w) starring Claude Rains. Science fiction drama, based on the novel by H.G. Wells, about a scientist who discovers a drug that causes invisibility but has disturbing side *effects. Directed by James Whale.* (Ceefax) (4225129)
5.10 Horizon: Ghosts in the Dinosaur Graveyard (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1005668)
6.00 Star Trek. Classic science fiction adventures (r) *(Ceefax) (637649)* ***6.50 DEF II: Reportage.*** Violence and crime in the United States (s) (398533)
7.30 Painted Passions. How the Passion has been depicted by artists. (Ceefax) (748945)



"Bomber" Harris: a debate revived (7.45pm)

7.45 Timewatch: Battle of the Bombers. See Choice (489842)
9.00 M*A*S*H. Korean war black comedy (r) (475991)
9.25 Goggle Eyes. Episode three of a four-part drama based on Anne Fine's novel about a young *daughter's relationship with her mother's boyfriend.* Starring Alun Armstrong, Lesley Manville and Honeysuckle Weeks. (Ceefax) (s) (449113)
10.05 I, Lovett. Comedy series (s) (522668)
10.30 Newsnight. Jeremy Paxman meets economic *migrants on their way from the Romanian-*Hungarian border to the "promised land" in Germany (985026)
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (594084) **11.55 Weather** (751571)
12.00 Crossing the Border. How England and Englishness was portrayed in the 1930s (31494). Ends at **12.30am**

VideoPlus+ and the Video PlusCodes
The numbers next to each TV programme listing are Video PlusCode™ *numbers, which allow you to programme your video recorder instantly* with a VideoPlus+™ handset. VideoPlus+ can be used with most videos. Tap in the Video PlusCode for the programme you wish to record. For more details call VideoPlus on 0839 121204 (calls charged at 48p per minute peak, 36p off-peak) or write to VideoPlus+, Acornex Ltd, 5 Ivory House, Plantation Wharf, London SW11 3TN. Videoplus+ (™), Pluscode (™) and Video Programmer are trademarks of Gemstar Marketing Ltd.

CHOICE

Timewatch: Battle of the Bombers
BBC2, 7.45pm

The fiftieth anniversary of Bomber Command's offensive in the Ruhr is the cue for a reassessment of *the allied bombing of German cities in the second* world war. In effect, it is a rehash of the "Bomber" Harris debate, asking whether the policy, which brought a huge loss of civilian life, was either militarily justified or morally defensible. An often heated studio discussion is refereed by *Jonathan Dimbleby.* An air vice-marshal is still 100 per cent behind Bomber Command and will not hear a whiff of criticism. A German woman says the destruction of Dresden was the worst crime of the second world war. Between these two extremes are many useful shades of grey. The topic is brought up to date to include the Gulf war.



Medicinal mollusc: the Knights (BBC1, 9.30pm)

QED: Knights of the Shining Piddock
BBC1, 9.30pm

For once the title says it all. The Knights are Jan and Robert, a wife and husband team of scientists who *have created a research laboratory in their Victorian* house in Plymouth. The piddock is a shellfish which glows in the dark and could, we are told, make the Knights into millionaires. This is because it has medicinal properties. It could help sufferers of diabetes, arthritis and heart disease. The Knights met when he was taking evening classes and she wanted help with an Open University course. *Their job is their* hobby and the other way round. They have been doing research into the piddock for 15 years, a two-person band taking on the world. Now the world is flocking to them. It makes an irresistible story.

Dispatches
Channel 4, 9.00pm

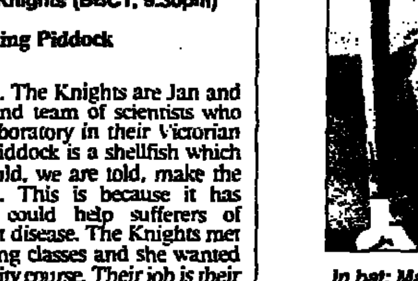
This is the tale of the bank executive, the secretary and the former army major. All are considered too old to work, though the bank man is only 45 and the others in their fifties. All are victims of an attitude which says that older people lack motivation, are unadaptable and unwilling to retrain. The ageist stereotype is disputed by recent research, which finds that oldies may be more, not less, effective than the younger people who replace them. But Tesco seems to be a rare exception to the view that over-40 is over the top. This thought-provoking report highlights a wider consideration. *In an increasingly aging population it* might become impossible for the declining number in work to sustain those who have been forced out of it.

Eat Your Greens
Channel 4, 8.30pm

Sophie Grigson's Friday series, *Grow Your Greens,* is about raising vegetables. *This one is about cooking* them. As television cooks go Grigson is gimmick-free. There are no Floydian flourishes, no Hudson and Halls high camp. She is even prepared to leave the stage to guest practitioners, relegating herself to interested onlooker. Tonight's challenge is to liven up those vegetables that often raise a yawn. To be specific, *Grigson offers suggestions for carrots,* beetroot and potatoes, not, on the face of it, the components of scintillating menus. The potatoes are subsumed in a chicken stew, which is cheating a bit. But the beetroot make a borscht and the carrots a korma and both look *highly tempting.* **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. *The guests include* Harry Connick Jr, Sinitta and Joe Longthorne (7049113)
9.25 Jeopardy! Steve Jones has the answers, the contestants have to provide the questions (7482823) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7396007) **10.00 Police Academy** Cartoon series based on the successful film *comedy (7306484)*
10.25 This Morning. Magazine series (56338736)
12.10 Allsorts. Young children's entertainment (8664007)
12.30 Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (2873133) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (93893571)
1.15 Home and Away Australian family drama. *(Teletext) (640465)* **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (649736)
2.15 The Chrystal Rose Show. A discussion on the best age to be a parent (737945) **2.45 Take the High Road.** Highlands-based drama (4100674)
3.10 ITN News headlines (6070945) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8079216) **3.20 Blockbusters.** General knowledge quiz game for teenagers (s) (1829552)
3.50 Cartoon featuring Speedy Gonzales (7533378) **3.55 Scooby Doo** (r) (s) (2398026) **4.10 Three Seven Eleven** *Episode eight of the ten-part drama* set in a primary school (7521533)

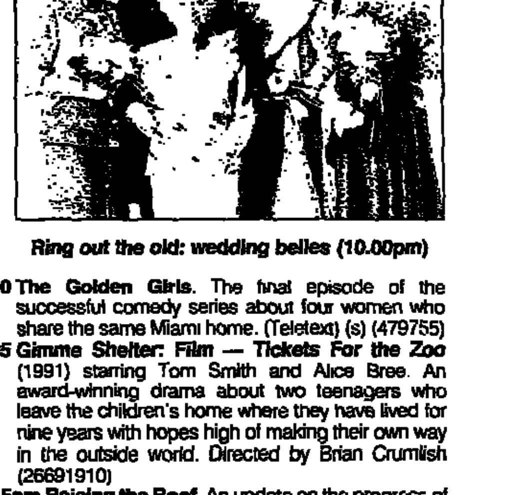


In bat: Martino Lazzeri as Lawrence (4.40pm)

4.40 The Lodge. A new ten-part drama serial about children in care. Starring Martino Lazzeri (s) (6110200)
5.10 Home and Away *(r). (Teletext)* (1747282)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (886736)
6.00 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. The guests include James Galway *and Sir David Frost (720303)*
6.50 This Is Your Life. Michael Aspel with a potted biography of another unsuspecting worthy (s) (462113)
7.20 The European Match Champions League Live. Brian Moore and Ron Atkinson are the commentators for the return game in France between Marseilles and Glasgow Rangers (96057084)
9.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (28755)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (90484) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (710804)
10.40 Film: Naked Lie (1989) *starring Victoria Principal* and James Farentino. Legal thriller about a lawyer prosecuting a pimp for the murder of a prostitute who uncovers a web of blackmail involving a number of seemingly respectable men. Directed by Richard Colla (12918842)
12.30am The European Champions League. Highlights of tonight's games between Marseilles and Glasgow Rangers and AC Milan v Gothenburg (28717)
1.30 Entertainment UK. Weekly leisure guide (s) (71682)
2.30 The Chrystal Rose Show. As 2.15pm (38682)
3.00 The Little Picture Show. Film and video reviews (r) (61205)
4.00 60 Minutes. American news magazine (12427)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (82866)
5.30 ITN Morning News (81999). *Ends at* ***6.00***

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Sesame Street (r) (5824561)
6.45 Dennis Animated adventures of a naughty boy (r) (3842533)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin. The guests include Mark Little from the cast of *Neighbours* (92945)
9.00 Wish Kid. Cartoon series (r) (77533) **9.30 The Batman** (b/w). *Vintage 1940s exploits of the caped* crusader and his side-kick Robin (r) (6924649) **9.50 Sleeping Beauty** Halas and Batchelor animation (7395378)
9.55 Gamesmaster Computer and video games magazine (r) (7484587) **10.30 New Kids on the Block — On Tour.** A musical mix of live action and *animation (1273216)*
10.55 The Miraculous Mellops. Australian fantasy series (r) (1185007) **11.25 The Bunbury Tales** (r) (5680533) **11.30 The Henderson Kids.** Australian family drama (r) (7858)
12.00 I Love Lucy (b/w) Vintage American domestic comedy starring Lucille Ball (97397)
12.30 Sesame Street *The guest is James Taylor* (39216) **1.30 Little Rosey** Animated adventures of a baby Roseanne Arnold (r) (s) (97084)
2.00 Film: Dangerous When Wet (1953) starring Esther Williams and Fernando Lamas. Romantic comedy *about an Arkansas farmer's daughter determined to* swim the English Channel. Directed by Charles Walters. (Teletext) (420668)
3.45 Raising the Roof A report on the progress of the Tyneside home builders (8323668)
3.55 The Pulse. *The* problems and *treatment of* incontinence (r) (9436281)
4.30 Fifteen To One (Teletext) (s) (755)
5.00 Enormous Lies. Animation from Hungary (9167216)
5.15 Film: Winnie (1988) *starring* Meredith Birney Baxter. A made-for-television drama, based on fact, about a slightly retarded woman who, after spending 30 years in institutions, is determined to live a normal life in public. Directed by John Korty *(Teletext)* (43230303)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (384945)
7.50 Party Political Comment from a Conservative party politician (377026)
8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (9804)
8.30 Eat Your Greens. *(Teletext) (s)* See Choice (8939)
9.00 Dispatches. See Choice (811281)
9.45 A-Z: Letters from the Homeless. (Teletext) (638668)



Ring out the old: wedding belles (10.00pm)

10.00 The Golden Girls. The final episode of the successful comedy series about four women who share the same Miami home. (Teletext) (s) (479755)
10.35 Gimme Shelter: Film — Tickets For the Zoo (1991) starring Tom Smith and Alice Bree. An award-winning drama about two teenagers who leave the children's home where they have lived for nine years with hopes high of making their own way in the outside world. Directed by Brian Crumlish (26691910)
12.15am Raising the Roof. An update on the progress of the home-building Tynesiders (5774021)
12.25 Gimme Shelter: St Ann's. A 1969 documentary by Stephen Frears about the lives of people living in St Ann's, a slum area of Nottingham (9079232). Ends *at* ***1.210***

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (737945) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1829552) ***5.10-5.40*** *Blockbusters* (1747282) **6.00** Home and Away (395842) **6.25** Anglia News (566858) **6.50-7.20** Coronation Street (462113) **9.30-10.00** This *Is Your Life* (28755) **10.40** Magnum (146656) **11.35** The European Champions League (114736) **12.35** Film: Blood from the *Mummy's* Tomb (956601) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (42205) **2.45** 60 Minutes (9861175) **3.40** The New Music (8394601) ***4.35*** *Riviera (70376446)* ***5.05-5.30*** Jobfinder (6977330)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (640465) **1.45** Home and Away (649736) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (737945) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (1829552) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (1747282) **6.00** Home and Away (395842) **6.25** Central News (566858) **6.50-7.20** Coronation Street (462113) **9.30-10.00** This is Your Life (28755) **10.40** Film: Stone Cold Dead (Richard Crenna, Paul Williams, Linda Sorensen) (46473484) **12.25** The European Champions League (6658392) **1.25** Short Story Theatre (5264359) **2.20** Entertainment UK (5584866) **3.20** BPM (9091446) **4.20** Jobfinder (2525717) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6411779)

GRANADA
As London except: ***1.15*** *A Country Practice* (640465) **1.45** Home and Away (649736) **2.15-2.45** Yan Can Cook (737945) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1829552) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (1747282) **6.00** Home and Away (378) **6.30** Granada Tonight (890007) ***6.50-7.20*** Coronation Street (462113) **9.30-10.00** This Is Your Life (28755) **10.40** Boxing (170587) **11.40** Kojak (473991) **12.35** Film: Blood from the Mummy's Tomb (956601) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (42205) **2.45** 60 Minutes (9861175) ***3.40*** *The New Music (8394601)* **4.35** Riviera (70376446) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (6977330)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45 Blockbusters (649736) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (737945) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1829552) **6.00** HTV News (378) **6.20** Midweek (890007) ***6.50-7.20*** Coronation Street (462113) **9.30-10.00** This Is Your Life (28755) **10.40** Boxing (170587) **11.40** Night Heat (473991) ***12.35*** *Film: Blood from the* Mummy's Tomb (956601) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (42205) **2.45** 60 Minutes (9861175) **3.40** *The New Music (8394601)* **4.35** Riviera (70376446) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.20-6.50** Engine Whistle Blowing

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Loud and Clear (737945) **3.20-3.50** Young Doctors (1929952) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (483571) **6.20** Blockbusters (371262) **6.50-7.20** Coronation Street (462113) **9.30-10.00** This Is Your Life (28755) **10.40** Along the Pilgrims' Way (390303) **11.10** *The Equalizer (227129)* **12.00-12.30** Coach (94040) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (82868)

ULSTER
As London except: 6.00 UTV Live at Six *(720303)* ***6.50-7.20*** *Coronation Street* (462113) **9.30-10.00** This Is Your Life (28755) **10.40** Boxing (170587) **11.40** Kojak (473991) **12.35** Film: Blood from the Mummy's Tomb (956601) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema (42205) **2.45** 60 Minutes (9861175) **3.40-4.35** The New Music (8394601)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45 Blockbusters (649736) **2.15-2.45** Westcountry Focus (737945) ***3.20-3.50*** *A Country Practice* (1829552) **6.00** Westcountry Live (720303) **6.50-7.20** Coronation Street (462113) **9.30-10.00** *This Is Your Life (28755)* **12.35** *Film:* Blood from the Mummy's Tomb (956601) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (42205) **2.45** *60 Minutes (9861175)* ***3.40*** *The New Music* (8394601) **4.35** Riviera (70376446) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (6977330)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Yan Can Cook (737945) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1829552) **5.55** Calendar (274842) **6.20** Blockbusters (371262) ***6.50-7.20*** Coronation Street (462113) **9.30-10.00** This Is Your Life (28755) **10.40** Film: Murder by Decree *(55771303)* ***12.45*** *Meditations for Holy Week* (8891446) **1.00** The European Champions League (17601) **2.00** Hollywood Report *(59175)* ***2.30-3.00*** *Videofashion (38882)*

S4C
Starts: 9.00 Wish Kid (77533) ***9.30*** The Batman (6924649) **9.50** Sleeping Beauty (7395378) **9.55** Gamesmaster (7484587) ***10.30*** *New Kids On the Block — On Tour* (1273216) **10.55** Miraculous Mellops (1185007) **11.25** The Bunbury Tales *(5680533)* ***11.30*** *The Henderson Kids (7858)* **12.00** I Love Lucy (97397) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (47543) **1.00** Lift Off (99804) **1.30** A *Different World (18028216)* ***1.55*** *Film: Wait* 'Til the Sun Shines, Nellie (55769991) **3.55** The Pulse (1984736) ***4.25*** *Slot 23 (3984939)* ***5.00*** Countdown (3820) ***5.30*** Brookside (197) **6.00** News (739262) **6.10** Heno (724129) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (3484) **7.30** Ar Y *Tir (494)* ***8.00*** *Glan Hafren (9804)* ***8.30*** *News* (885755) **8.55** The Crystal Maze (298620) **9.55** Film: Chicago Joe and the Showgirl *(292769)* ***11.50*** *Free for All (872842)* **12.20am** Gimme Shelter (8629791) **1.15** Gimme Shelter (3983069) **1.25** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am *The DJ Kat Show (24601842)* ***6.40*** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5200991) **9.10** Cartoons (5325194) **9.30** The Pyramid Game *(51007)* ***10.00*** *Strike It Rich (28571)* ***10.30*** Concentration (20649) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (51533) **11.30** Falcon Crest *(24007)* **12.30pm** *E Street* (55823) **1.00** Another World (6496991) **1.45** Santa Barbara (270620) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (956823) ***3.15*** *Diff'rent Strokes (291113)* **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (4076194) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (5007) **6.00** *Games World (9939)* ***6.30*** *E Street (3991)* **7.00** Rescue (6736) **7.30** Family Ties (5303) **8.00** Hunter (93007) **9.00** LA Law (41811) ***10.00*** *In Living Color (18958)* ***10.30*** *Star* Trek: The Next Generation (45378) **11.30** Studs (25755) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (32194) **6.30** News and Business Report (956281) **9.30** ABC Nightline (26129) **10.30** Fashion TV (11755) **11.30** Business Report (22649) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (15571) **1.30** Good Morning America (16200) **2.30** Parliament Live (40484) ***3.30*** *Parliament Live* (33465) **4.30** News and Business Report (2216) **5.00** Live at Five (12991) **6.30** News *and Business Report (21303)* ***7.30*** *Fashion* TV (3945) **10.30** Nightline (36620) **11.30** ABC News (47031) **12.30am** Fashion TV *(31205)* ***1.30*** *ABC News (24798)* ***2.30*** *Those* Were The Days (49156) **3.30** ABC News (44601) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (53798) **5.30-6.00** *ABC News* (26663)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (6168674)
10.00 Ironclads (1991). The story of two warships in the American civil war (66939)
12.00 Great Expectations: The Untold Story (1989): The life in exile of Magwitch Starring Sigrid Thornton (85213)
2.00pm The Doomsday Flight (1966): A bomb is planted on a plane (90910)
4.00 Once Upon a Dead Man (1971): Comedy-drama with Rock Hudson (3789)
6.00 Ironclads (as 10am) (83674)
8.00 Killer Klowns from Outer Space *(1988): Alien vampires disguise themselves* as demonic clowns (82991)
10.00 New Jack City (1991): Judd Nelson *and Ice-T pursue Wesley Snipes (788736)*
11.40 Naked Tango (1991). Erotic drama starring Mathilda May (989668)
1.15am Teen Vamp *(1989): A boy is* transformed into a vampire (192755)
2.45 A Perfect Little Murder (1990). Ten Garr plays an amateur sleuth (840863)
4.20 The Commander (1988): Lewis Collins leads mercenaries after a drug baron (380392) Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Naked Runner (1967): Frank Sinatra becomes a killer spy (78736)
8.00 Summer of '42 (1971): A teenage boy falls in love with a widow (73281)
10.00 Klute (1971): Donald Sutherland cross-examines Jane Fonda about a missing scientist (37945) Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Smashing Time (1967). Comedy *about two northern girls in London (78194)*
8.00 On Our Own: Four children escape from an orphanage (19194)
10.00 The Slender Thread *(1965):* Sidney Poitier tries to save Anne Bancroft (57281)
12.00 Lions for Breakfast (1976). Two *brothers camp in a safari park (85295)*
2.00pm Paper Moon (1973): Ryan and Tatum O'Neal play con artists (98552)
4.00 On Our Own *(as 8am) (1281)*
6.00 In Defence of a Married Man (1990): Judith Light's husband, Michael Ontkean, is *charged with murder* (81216)
8.00 Criminal Behaviour (1992): Lawyer Farrah Fawcett's client is accused of *pawning a stolen diamond* (80533)
10.00 Mortal Passions (1990): Erotic thriller about a seductress (588718)
11.40 Web of Deceit (1990): Linda Purl defends a teenager on trial for rape and murder (970910)
1.15am To Kill a Priest (1988): Christopher Lambert plays a Polish cleric (725175)
3.15 White Nights (1985): Mikhail Baryshnikov as a Soviet ballet dancer who tries to defect (77217311). Ends at **5.30**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Stretch (45533) **7.00** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (90571) **7.30** Motor World (86378) **8.00** Watersports World (50129) **9.00** Stretch (98787) **9.30** The Footballers' Football Show (71649) **10.30** Boots 'n' All (53755) **11.30** Stretch (94262) **12.00** German League Football (56649) **2.00pm** Snooker (607378) **5.00** The Footballers' Football Show (7007) **6.00** Soccer News (625755) **6.03** Motor World (1339) **6.30** NHRA Drag Racing (5991) **7.00** Snooker (326991) **10.00** Soccer News (206378) **10.03** Ringside (29179) **12.00** Jack High (53392) **1.00-2.00am** Red Line (29069)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (77674) **8.00** Gymnastics (72397) **9.00** Eurotennis Magazine (44858) **11.00** Eurogoals (80194) **12.00** Free Style Skiing (19620) **1.00pm** ATP Tennis (71007) **2.30** Cycling. Ghent-Wevelgem, Belgium (41378) **4.00** Tennis: Family Circle *Cup (2939)* ***6.00*** *Eurofun (6007)* ***6.30*** Eurosport News (3587) **7.00** Basketball: New York v San Antonio (78303) **9.00** Karting *(22587)* ***10.00*** *European Football (25674)* **11.00** Kick Boxing (74587) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (94088)

UK GOLD
6.00am *Rainbow (12869552)* ***6.15*** *Button* Moon (12864007) **6.30** Jem (6486858) **7.00** Flash Gordon (3138858) **7.30** Neighbours *(3044465)* ***8.00*** *Sons and Daughters* (1483194) **8.30** EastEnders (1482465) **9.00** The Bill (1579945) **9.30** One by One *(5263568)* ***10.30*** *Big Deal (6940910)* **11.30** No Place Like Home (1977194) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1486281) **12.30pm** Neigh*bours (9995216)* ***1.00*** *EastEnders (3137129)* **1.30** The Bill (9994587) **2.00** *Father,* Dear Father (7549484) **2.30** Rings on Their *Fingers (2499754)* **3.00** Dallas (1971910) **4.00** Dynasty (1063945) **5.00** Candid Camera (7530736) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (7148002) **6.00** Neighbours (1049213) **6.30** One by One (3815397) **7.30** Father, Dear *Father (6998769)* ***8.00*** EastEnders (7529620) **8.30** Rings on Their Fingers (7548755) **9.00** *Big Deal* (9944874) **10.00** *The Bill (1487910)* ***10.30*** *Filthy, Rich and* Catflap (9527179) **11.15** The Kenny Everett Television Show (2864945) **11.45** Dr Who. *The Claws of Axos (2863216)* **12.15-1.45am** Film. *Man of the Moment* (1955, b/w) with Norman Wisdom and Lana Morris (6910427)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am *Jack in the Box (95113)* ***7.00*** RatKan II (51281) **9.00** New Kids on the Block (27129) **9.30** The Bears' Island (74571) **10.00** *All for One* (31939) **10.30** New Adventures of He-Man (43113) **11.00** The New Fantastic Four (39303) **11.30** Say Ahhh! *(34804)* ***12.00*** *Dominic (64194)* ***1.00pm*** Super Mario Brothers (61668) **1.30** New Adventures of He-Man (57858) **2.00** Good Sports (7262) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (6282) **3.00** Kissy Fur (6397) **3.30** RatKan II (73552) **5.00-7.00pm** TCC (23858)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: The Loss of British Power
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Chris de Souza with music, news and weather, including Mozart (Horn Concerto No 1 in E flat, K417); Haydn (Symphony No 47 in *G); Debussy (Romance);* Dohnányi (Piano Quintet No 1)
9.00 Composer of the Week: *Schubert. String Trio in B flat,* D581 (Les Musiciens); Gruppe aus dem Tartarus, D583 (Thomas Hampson, *baritone,* Graham Johnson, piano); Symphony No 6 in C (London Classical Players under Roger Norrington)
10.00 Midweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe. Haydn (Sonatas 3 and 4, The Seven Last Words of *Our Saviour on the Cross);* Vivaldi (Flute Concerto in C minor, RV441); Zelenka (Lamentations for Maundy Thursday); Haydn (Sonatas 5 and 6, Seven Last Words); Rautavaara (Swans Migrating, Cantus Arcticus); Mozart (Concerto in C for *flute and* harp, K299); Rachmaninov (Vocalise); Haydn (Sonata 7: Earthquake, Seven Last Words)
12.00 Great Masters Restored: Roderick Swanston presents *the first of six programmes.* Beethoven (Overture, The Creatures of Prometheus: *London* Classical Players under Roger Norrington); Beethoven (Symphony No 3 in E flat, Eroica: Orchestra of the 18th Century under Brüggen) *(r)* **1.00pm News**
1.05 Russian Piano Music (r). See Choice
2.00 ***Record Review*** *(r)*
3.30 From Death to Life: Harty (Ode to a Nightingale: Ulster Orchestra under Vernon Handley)
4.00 ***Choral Evensong,*** live from the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban, Hertfordshire
5.00 In Tune, with Charles Hazelwood, whose guest is Stephanie Gonley, the leader of the English Chamber *Orchestra*
7.30 Manchester International Horn Workshop: BBC Philharmonic *under Edward* Downes performs Richard Rodney Bennett *(Actaeon: Barry* Tuckwell, horn); Strauss (Horn Concerto No 2: Frank Lloyd, horn); *Phluger* (Horn Concerto: Hermann Baumann, horn); Tomlinson (Rhapsody and Rondo: Richard Watkins, horn); Schumann (Konzertstück: Richard Watkins, Michael Thompson, Freydis Wekre and Jonathan Goodall, horns)
9.10 A Pilgrim to Jerusalem: Judi Dench with the third of four *readings from the journal of* the fourth-century nun Egeria
9.20 Mozart and Ravel: Trio of *London performs Mozart* (Piano Trio in G, K564); Ravel (Piano Trio in A minor) *(r)*
10.15 Sorrows of the Virgin: *Tallis* Scholars under Peter Phillips perform William Cornysh (Woefully arrayed, Stabat Mater)
10.45 Night Waves: *The arts* programme reviews the Royal Ballet's new production of *Don Quixote*
11.30 Haydn's Late Chamber Works: Piano Trio in D, H XV 24 (Andras Schiff, piano, Yuuko Shiokawa, violin, Steven *Isserlis, cello); Piano Sonata* in C, H XVI 50 (Andras Schiff, piano); String Quartet in D minor, Op 76 No 2, Fifths (Takacs Quartet)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today ***6.25*** *Prayer for the Day* ***6.30*** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** *Business News* ***6.55, 7.55*** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.43** Richard Matthewman: A Long Day's Leaving. Finetime Fontayne plays a south Yorkshire teacher (3/6) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with Libby Purves and birthday guest Lynda Lee-Potter
10.00-10.30 News; Discursive Excursions (FM only): Yachtsmen Bill Howell, Josh *Hall and Robin Knox-Johnston* relive their single-handed ocean voyages
10.00 Daily Service *(LW only)*
10.15 Letters to a Friend I Never Knew (LW only): The third of six letters written by the BBC radio reporter Ted Harrison to *his kidney transplant donor*
10.30 Woman's Hour: Sunita Thakur reports on how the rise of Hindu *fundamentalism is* affecting Indian women. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time: Clay Jones chairs a postbag *edition (r)*
12.00 You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm Cover Her Face: The final part of Neville Teller's dramatisation of P.D. James's *first novel. With Robin Ellis,* Siân Phillips, Hugh Grant and Beatie Edney **12.55** Weather
1.00 ***The World at One,*** *with Nick* Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 ***News; The Return of Sherlock Holmes:*** See Choice
2.47 ***Treasure Islands:*** *Michael* Rosen talks to the American children's writer Betsy Byars (r)
3.00 ***News; File on 4:*** Roisin McAuley reports (r)
3.42 The World of Anthony Trollope, presented by Richard Mullen (3/6)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the latest film releases; and recalls the history of the *Atlantic Records label*
4.45 Short Story: Lucy Grange, by Doris Lessing. Read by Estelle Kohler
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Counterpoint: The musical *quiz hosted by Ned Sherrin (r)*
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Costing the Earth: The *environmental programme (r)*
7.45 Medicine Now (r)
8.15 Age to Age: Christopher Cook and Sean Street climb aboard HMS Victory *(r)*
8.45 ***In Business:*** *Bad Company.* Peter Day examines the gap between the promises companies make and what they do in practice
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Martin Webber ***9.59*** *Weather*
10.00 The World Tonight, with Tim Sebastian
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: On the Third Day, by Piers Paul Read. *Charles Simpson reads the* third of ten parts
11.00 Murder Most Foul: Death of *the Lord of Life.* Nick Ross narrates the fifth of six murder cases featuring the pathologist Dr Keith Simpson (r)
11.30 The London Smog of 1952 *Fred Pearce talks to* Londoners about the *experience (r)*
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service **(LW** *only)*

CHOICE

Russian Piano Music. *Radio 3, 1.05pm.*

To draw attention to recitalist Piers Lane's playing of Mussorgsky's *Pictures from an Exhibition is not to suggest that either the* performance or the work itself is superior to the Rachmaninov (Preludes: *Op 23, Nos 4 and 10)* or the Balakirev (Islamey). The Mussorgsky is worthy of special mention because we hear many *performances* of Ravel's superb orchestration of it and tend to forget how lucky he was to have had such a brilliant original from which to work in the first place.

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

It is Holmes's deductive powers *that raise him above* his peers. But not even the fact that these gifts are totally ignored in *Charles Augustus Milverton can rob Bert* Coules's adaptation of its eerie fascination. With no deducing to do in this tale of a master blackmailer, Clive Merrison's Holmes is free to indulge his other passion — dressing up and pretending to be someone else. But even that is not enough. Much to the disapproval of Michael Williams's Dr Watson, he also turns burglar. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes with The Early Breakfast Show **(FM** only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** John Peel **3.00** Gary Davies in the Afternoon **5.00** Mark Goodier's Mega Hits **5.30** News '93 **7.00** Sheffield Sound City '93: Mark Goodier presents music from St Etienne, The Fall, Auteurs, Living Colour and World Party **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris **(FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner with The Early Show **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.00** Sarah *Kennedy* ***9.15*** *Pause for Thought* ***9.30*** *Ken* Bruce from Akrotiri in Cyprus **11.30** Jimmy Young at RAF Brüggen in Germany **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford at RAF Lossiemouth in Scotland **4.00** Ed Stewart from the Falklands **5.00** John Dunn at *RAF Cranwell in Lincolnshire* ***7.30*** *The Royal Air Force Seventy-Fifth Anniversary* Concert, live from the Festival Hall, London **9.45** Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertains **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00am** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm.** **6.00am** World Service, Newshour **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.30** The AM Alternative with Janice Long **11.30** BFBS Worldwide **12.30pm** Down and Out in Knightsbridge: Liz Barclay meets Danny Mordaunt who has been on the streets for six years and now has a home for six months ***1.05*** *Luck de Luxe and the Flying Sheds (3/4)* ***1.35*** *Take Five with Andy Crane* and Michaela Strachan **2.30** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** Schooldays. Heart and Heaven. A play by Maya Chowdhry (r) **7.15** A Fishbone of Fairytales. A Harp of Fishbones, *by Joan Aiken (r)* ***7.30*** *Trevor Brooking's Football Night: Rangers v Marseille* ***10.10*** Hit the North, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

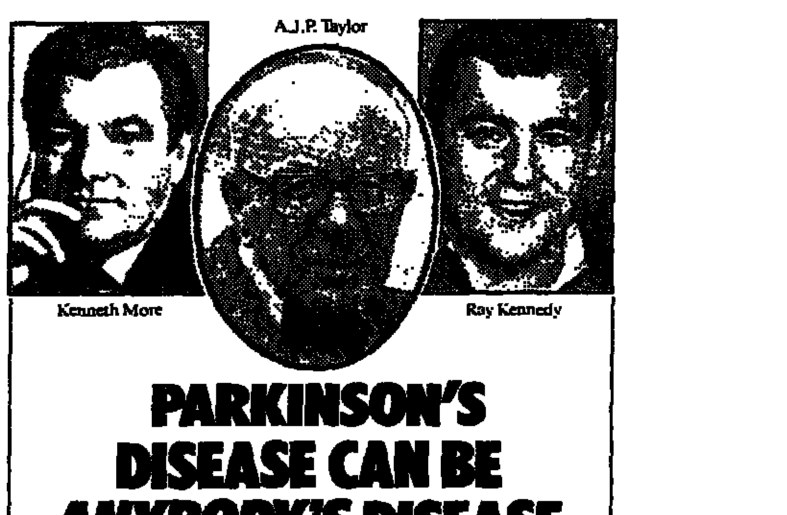
All times in **BST. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Development '93 **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** A Taste of Soul **9.30** Quote, Unquote **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Country Style **10.30** A Bad Press **10.45** *Sports Roundup* ***11.00*** *Omnibus* ***11.30*** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** New Ideas **1.35** Whatever Happened To . . . **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the *Shelf: Age of Iron* ***3.45*** *Good Books* ***4.00*** *News* **4.15** BBC English **4.29** *News in French* **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.05** Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Assignment **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.15** Sports International **Midnight** News **12.05am** Business Report **12.15am** From Our Own Correspondent **12.30** Multitrack 2 **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** It's Magic! **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Waveguide **2.40** Book Choice **2.45** The Farming World **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Sports International **4.00** News **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Mike Smith **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Finzi (Clarinet Concerto: Alan Hacker), *Ireland, arr Mackerras (The Overlanders)* **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Book Browse with John Russell **8.00** Classic FM Concert. The 450th birthday of William Byrd. Byrd (Mass for four voices) **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

FREQUENCIES: RADIO 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; FM-97.6-99.8. ***RADIO 2:*** *FM-88-90.2.* **RADIO 3:** FM-90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4:** 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6. **RADIO 5:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. **CAPITAL:** 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. **GLR:** 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; **WORLD SERVICE:** MW 648kHz/463m. ***CLASSIC FM:*** *FM-100-102.*

COMPILED BY PETER DEAR AND GILLIAN MAXEY



A.J.P. Taylor

Kenneth More

Ray Kennedy

PARKINSON'S DISEASE CAN BE *ANYBODY'S* DISEASE.

It's often assumed that tremors are the only symptom *of Parkinson's Disease. If only they were.* Speech difficulty; inability to swallow; a face lacking *expression; slow and clumsy movement; feet and legs* that refuse to move. They are all symptoms. *There are over 100,000 sufferers in this country alone.* There is no known cure. *Parkinson's Disease Society seeks to ease the burden* and find the cure for Parkinson's Disease. *We need your help. Please send a donation, a covenant* or leave us a legacy. You can even phone your donation by Access or Visa to 071-383 3513.

HELP MAKE IT *NOBODY'S* DISEASE

Parkinson's Disease Society of the United Kingdom

22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0RA. Tel: 071-383 3513

To: Parkinson's Disease Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0RA

☐ I enclose a donation of £.................................... by cheque/P.O.
☐ Please charge my Access/Visa card number:
Expiry date /
☐ Please send me your Will leaflet ☐ Please send further *information on your work.*

Name
Address
Postcode
Signature TT

Data Protection Act: We may occasionally wish to contact you about our work. If you would prefer that we do not, please tick the box. ☐

Patron: HRH The Princess of Wales *Charity Reg. No. 258197*

Marseilles and Rangers go for broke

FROM RODDY FORSYTH IN MARSEILLES

THE format of the European Champions League permits scope for ambiguity, but Marseilles and Rangers know that the winners of their meeting in the Stade Velodrome tonight will automatically qualify for the European Cup final in Munich on May 26. That fact alone guarantees that neither side will seek refuge in a split decision.

If the result is a draw, the group will go to the concluding fixtures. Marseilles would need to beat Bruges in Belgium — a feat no team has achieved in any European competition — while Rangers would have to win against CSKA Moscow at Ibrox and hope the French champions stumble. Yesterday, both sides were emphatic that their strategies would be designed to secure victory tonight.

Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, said: "We are aware that the section will not be over if we draw with Marseilles and that we would still have a good chance of getting through. But it is never satisfactory to have your fate dependent on another team who have no chance of qualifying.

"We'll therefore concentrate on getting the result which resolves everything, because it would be folly if we came here to sit back in the hope that they might not score."

Raymond Goethals, Marseilles' Belgian manager, said: "I believe the advantage would still be with us if the game ends in a draw. But since we can put an end to the issue with a win, that is what we intend to do.

"Our game is not designed to play cat-and-mouse with opponents and it would be too risky to try it with Rangers, who are particularly dangerous towards the end of a contest."

Hateley's absence through suspension must reduce Rangers' chances of inflicting damage on dangerous opponents because the Scottish champions have no other forward capable of marshalling the aerial menace that so obviously disturbed Marseilles when the sides drew 2-2 at Ibrox in November.

McCoist may be a scoring phenomenon in Scotland, but it is significant that the only goals he has netted in Europe this season were against Leeds United.

The conundrum for Walter Smith is whether to deploy Durrant as an attacking partner or field McCoist as a lone forward and play five in midfield in the hope that Steven, Huistra and Durrant can support him frequently and effectively. Form suggests, though, that the contest will be resolved by what happens at the other end of the field.

In their previous home matches in the section, against Bruges and CSKA, Marseilles established early and emphatic leads. They were 3-0 up against Bruges within half an hour and, for all Rangers' tenacity, their strongest suit this season, it is impossible to believe they could overhaul such a deficit.

The difficulty is that fixture congestion has begun to have its effect on Rangers, and Smith has conceded that his players have recently found it difficult to assert themselves fully in the opening half-hour of games. If such is the case tonight, the European Cup final may become a mirage before they get the engine running.

Richard Gough, the Rangers captain and pivotal figure in the Ibrox defence, agreed that the early stages will probably be crucial. "The crowd will drive them from the start and they will come at us in waves," he said.

"It is no use trying to close down one position because, even if you hold off Boksic and Völler, they have Abedi Pele, Sauzee and Deschamps coming in behind."

The equation works both ways, however, and McCoist, who missed the first meeting between the sides because of injury, observed that Marseilles' temperament was not sturdy. "They looked like world beaters when they were winning but, when the game began to go against them, a few of them didn't want to know," he said.

"Without Hateley, it will be so much harder for us to score, but we have proved we are a team that does not know how to give in. If the game stays tight for a long time, I believe it will go in our favour.

"We have taken a while to get going in some games recently but, believe me, we cannot wait to get out there. We all know that the biggest game of our lives is only 90 minutes away if we win."

RANGERS (probable): A Goram; S McCall, D Robertson, J Brown, D McPherson, R Gough, T Steven, I Ferguson, A McCoist, I Durrant, P Huistra. MARSEILLES (probable): F Barthez; J Angloma, B Boli, M Desailly, E Di Meco, D Deschamps, P Sauzee, J-P Durand, A Pele, R Völler, F Boksic. Referee: M Van der Ende (Holland).

Group A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marseilles	4	2	2	0	12	3	6
Rangers	4	2	2	0	8	4	6
Bruges	4	1	1	2	3	6	3
CSKA	4	0	1	3	1	9	1

RESULTS: Bruges 1, CSKA Moscow 0; Rangers 2, Marseilles 2; CSKA Moscow 0, Rangers 1; Marseilles 3, Bruges 0; Bruges 1, Rangers 1; CSKA Moscow 1, Marseilles 1; Marseilles 8, CSKA Moscow 0; Rangers 2, Bruges 1.

FIXTURES: Today: CSKA Moscow v Bruges; Marseilles v Rangers. April 21: Bruges v Marseilles; Rangers v CSKA Moscow.

Group B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AC Milan	4	4	0	0	8	1	8
Gothenburg	4	3	0	1	7	5	6
Porto	4	0	1	3	2	5	1
Eindhoven	4	0	1	3	4	10	1

RESULTS: AC Milan 4, Gothenburg 0; Porto 2, PSV Eindhoven 2; Gothenburg 1, Porto 0; PSV Eindhoven 1, AC Milan 2; Porto 0, AC Milan 1; PSV Eindhoven 1, Gothenburg 3; AC Milan 1, Porto 0; Gothenburg 3, PSV Eindhoven 0.

FIXTURES: Today: Gothenburg v AC Milan; PSV Eindhoven v Porto. April 21: AC Milan v PSV Eindhoven; Porto v Gothenburg.

United and Villa face concluding screen test

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ASTON Villa and Manchester United learnt yesterday that they will feature in a Sunday double bill in London on the final weekend of the Premier League season to complete the inaugural championship.

Villa's last game of the campaign is at Queens Park Rangers, while United take on Wimbledon at Selhurst Park. Both games have been put back a day, to Sunday May 9, when they will be screened live at 2pm by BSkyB.

Norwich lost 3-1 at home to United, who they trail by a point, on Monday. They are a further point adrift of the leaders, Villa, and could go back to the top by winning at Tottenham on Good Friday, but they have played a game more than the top two. The league is banking on a straight contest between Villa and United, and Norwich will go to Middlesbrough on the last Saturday as planned.

Television also dictates that the Barclays League first division match between the leaders, Newcastle United, and the play-off hopefuls, Leicester, will be switched to the Sunday for showing on ITV.

That is unlikely to meet with the approval of Leicester's rivals, but there is no room for appeal by the likes of Swindon, Portsmouth and Millwall. "The contract dictates that ITV can select four games after the transfer deadline for semi-network coverage, and they have chosen Newcastle's last match," a league spokesman said.

Bryan Gunn, the Norwich goalkeeper, believes the decision to leave his side out of the final reckoning is premature. "There are a lot more twists and turns still to come," he said. "With three points for a win, it can change so quickly, as all three of us have learnt in recent weeks. Every game from here on in will be tough — I'd be amazed if anyone collected maximum points. We start at Tottenham on Friday and that won't be easy. After losing to Arsenal in the FA Cup, people will say they have nothing to play for but they'll want to please their fans."

Coventry and Blackburn, who both have to play Villa and United in the final weeks, may hold the key to the outcome, as may the judgment of Alex Ferguson, the United manager. He has Mark Hughes available after suspension for the match against Sheffield Wednesday at Old Trafford on Saturday and must decide whether to upset the attacking balance of his side.

With Ryan Giggs operating through the middle and Andrei Kanchelskis wide, United ended a spell which had produced just two goals in their previous four games at Carrow Road. "It's going to be difficult to pick a team," Ferguson said after the victory on Tuesday.

Gunn thinks Hughes could have to wait on the sidelines along with Bryan Robson, the United captain. "With players of the pace of Giggs, Kanchelskis and Sharpe — plus the skill of Cantona — you're always in danger of being split apart, and that's what happened to us," Gunn said. "They looked very strong, but Villa have the point advantage, so it's in their hands now — they can only lose it."

Mike Walker, the Norwich manager, backed the claim of Ron Atkinson, his Villa counterpart, that Villa are as good, if not better, than a United side who rely heavily on their back four. Supporting him was television evidence that suggested Norwich could have had penalties from pushes and trips before the three goals in an eight-minute spell which settled the outcome.

PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aston Villa	36	19	10	7	52	33	67
Man Utd	36	18	12	6	54	28	66
Norwich	37	19	8	10	51	52	65
Blackburn	34	14	11	9	51	34	53
Man City	36	14	8	13	49	40	50
Sheff Wed	33	13	11	9	42	37	50
Coventry	37	13	11	13	46	47	50
QPR	36	13	10	13	48	46	49
Chelsea	35	12	13	11	42	42	49
Tottenham	34	13	10	11	43	49	49
Arsenal	33	13	8	12	39	30	47
Wimbledon	36	12	10	14	46	47	46
Liverpool	35	12	10	13	46	48	46
Southampton	37	12	10	15	48	51	46
Everton	36	13	6	17	43	45	45
Ipswich	36	10	15	11	41	45	45
Leeds	34	11	11	12	44	47	44
Crystal Palace	35	9	14	12	41	50	41
Oldham	35	10	8	17	52	62	38
Sheff Utd	34	10	7	17	40	44	37
Notts Forest	35	9	9	17	33	48	36
Middlesbrough	36	8	10	18	42	64	34



Masterly advice: Watson, twice US Masters winner, watches practice at Augusta National this week

Masters players boast record-breaking form

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

LOW scoring has been the order of the year on the United States golf tour, and if the trend continues at this week's US Masters the tournament record of 17-under-par 271, shared by Jack Nicklaus and Raymond Floyd, could be at risk.

US Tour leaders have taken turns rewriting records this year. First it was Tom Kite, the US Open champion, at the Bob Hope Classic, then Greg Norman at the Doral Ryder Open, and most recently Nick Price, the PGA champion, who dominated an elite field in the Players' Championship.

Price, of Zimbabwe, who set the Masters single-round record of 63 in 1986, has won five times since last August as his putting touch has improved and become a perfect partner to his formidable ball-striking skill.

"I've never had a time where my putting was as strong," Price said. "That win at the PGA turned everything around. I can't say exactly why or whatever."

Kite also took off on a winning spree after his Open triumph at Pebble Beach. "I decided I was going to have fun in my year as US Open champion," Kite said. He has won twice and had five top-ten finishes since. "I don't know why it's happening. I just know that I'm playing the best golf of my life."

Kite, 43, golf's all-time leading money-winner, has an added incentive when he tees off at Augusta on Thursday. Last year he was not invited to the Masters.

Norman, who was runner-up in the Masters in 1986 and 1987, ended a 27-month victory drought last September by winning the Canadian Open. He staged a spectacular comeback almost to overtake Nick Faldo at the Johnnie Walker world championship, and then demolished the tournament record at the Doral Ryder Open by five strokes.

Faldo and Fred Couples, the defending champion, can also threaten the record book.

Langer's quest, page 38

Welsh full back named in drug test allegations

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

TONY Clement, the Wales full back who will tour with the British Isles in New Zealand this summer, allegedly took a banned substance before the France-Wales international in Paris last month.

Clement and his opposite number, Jean-Baptiste Lafond, were both claimed yesterday as having taken medication substances included on the French Sports Ministry's banned list, though not by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) whose guidelines the home unions tend to follow, in consultation with national Sports Councils.

It is, though, unlikely that any disciplinary action will be necessary when the full results of tests are known next week: Lafond took Pholcodine, a narcotic analgesic, for a cough and made the requisite declaration before the match. Clement was treated by the Welsh Rugby Union's (WRU) own medical advisors — who have been in the forefront of ensuring that drugs do not become a problem in rugby — for an attack of dysentery.

The French Rugby Federation has yet to inform the WRU of the substance Clement, one of four players routinely required to take a drugs test after the match, is supposed to have taken.

"We are confident that the medication given to Tony Clement under the supervision of our medical staff was correct." Denis Evans, the secretary of the WRU, said. "I have contacted the FFR and they have told me that they know nothing about this matter. Clement was ill prior to the game in Paris and had to be sent to bed on the night the team arrived in France. He was treated for sickness and dysentery, and also received some sleeping pills. There was enough concern over his condition for the team management to call for a replacement player, Wayne Proctor.

"The WRU medical staff are convinced there was no infringement of the IOC regulations. Tony gave a full list of the medication he had taken to the drug testing officer."

The French Rugby Federation released a statement saying that the results of tests on Lafond and Clement were still not known. "At the current stage, anything that has been said is without basis," the statement said.

☐ Leicester will be at full strength for their Pilkington Cup semi-final against Northampton on Saturday after Aadel Kardooni, their scrum half, was declared fit after being taken to hospital with suspected appendicitis scare.

TOUCHLINE

The Times offers the chance to win a trip to the Rugby World Cup Sevens

Omega Speedmaster Automatic.
Chronograph with date.
Scratch-resistant sapphire glass.
Water-resistant to 30 m.
Available in 18 k gold or in steel.
Swiss made since 1848.



Ω OMEGA
The sign of excellence

STOCKED AT LEADING JEWELLERS:
HARRODS, WATCHES OF SWITZERLAND, SELECTED BRANCHES OF MAPPIN & WEBB, GOLDSMITHS, WALKER & HALL AND ERNEST JONES.
FOR YOUR NEAREST STOCKIST TEL: 0703 611612.

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 3066

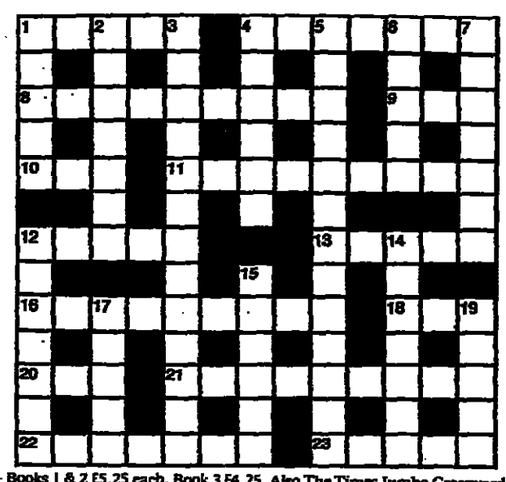
ACROSS
1 HQ officers (5)
4 Reduction (7)
8 Timely (9)
9 Sheep enclosure (3)
10 Rocky hill (3)
11 Continual (9)
12 Gradually declined (5)
13 Saint's body part (5)
16 Rid of germs (9)
18 And not (3)
20 Intricate network (3)
21 Inward looker (9)
22 Passed on (7)
23 Go in (5)

DOWN
1 Solidly built (5)
2 Common pain drug (7)
3 Peking palace area (9,4)
4 Critical point (6)
5 Discovered hoard (8,5)
6 The first (5)
7 Caused by motion (7)
12 Bereaved man (7)
14 Merciful (7)
15 Dissolved (6)
17 Greek oracle (5)
19 Distributor arm (5)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 3065

ACROSS: 1 Usurps 5 Secede 8 Bold 9 Auctions 10 Tweeds 12 Bath 15 Airs and Graces 16 Gear 17 Radish 19 Aspirate 21 Jerk 22 Tweeny 23 Emboss

DOWN: 2 Snow white 3 Rod 4 Swan song 5 Sock 6 Clipboard 7 Don 11 Ex-Service 13 Treasures 14 Aggrieve 18 Wary 20 Sew 21 Jib

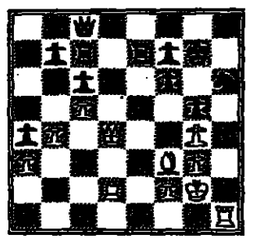


CROSSWORD ENTHUSIASTS: The Times Concise Crosswords — Books 1 & 2 £5.25 each, Book 3 £4.25. Also The Times Jumbo Crossword range — Book 1 (cryptic) £4.99, Book 2 (cryptic) £5.99, Concise Book 1 £5.99. The Times Crosswords — Books 14 & 15 £4.25 each. Prices inc p&p (UK). Cheques to Akom Ltd, 51 Manor Lane, London SE13 5QW. Delivery to 8 days. For details of all Times Crossword books and software, call Akom Ltd on 081 852 4575 (24 hrs) or CDS Doncaster on 0302 890 000.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Fernandez — Hansen, Debrecen 1992. How did white extract maximum value from the open h-file?



Solution on page 36

WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

SPODIC
a. A Greek verse metre
b. An illuvial deposit
c. Lame or limping

LANGSUYAR
a. A female vampire
b. Having long skirts
c. Farewell, *ave atque vale*

DUNNAMANY
a. An indeterminate number
b. A hacking jacket
c. A gentleman friend

SNAVEL
a. Navel fluff
b. To pinch
c. To snivel and whine

Answers on page 36